

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2008, IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 124 BULL STREET, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pete Liakakis called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., Friday, June 27, 2008.

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II. INVOCATION

Commissioner Harris Odell, Jr., introduced Judge John Morse, who gave the Invocation.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A video was shown regarding Francis Scott Key and the National Anthem.

All gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Chairman Liakakis said, I want to thank Commissioner Patrick Farrell for bringing this program to us. As we know, July the 4th is our Independence Day and this is the closest meeting that we will have for this particular recognition, and as we can see how important it is because most people did not know the real story about the Star Spangled Banner, and I'd like to also thank our Public Information Officer, Pete Nichols, who put this program together because we think it's very apropos that we recognize our Independence day and about our Star Spangled Banner and our Flag.

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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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YOUTH COMMISSION

Chairman Liakakis introduced the following Youth Commissioners who were sitting here representing the Chatham County Youth Commission: Monique Pal, Sheray Franklin, and Desirae Suggs, all representing Savannah Arts Academy.

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RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Chairman Liakakis said, I'd like to recognize the Mayor of the City of Savannah, Otis Johnson. Would you stand up, Otis? [Applause.] Chairman Liakakis said, you know, and it's really an honor for me to recognize the Mayor. He has worked with the County and the Savannah City Council on a number of projects in our community, and has really represented Savannah on many, many occasions and has taken the lead on many projects in our community that's really important. And to have this, you know, this kind of partnership and leadership that we have, it really has made a difference in our community and we can see Savannah with their partnership working together with the County Commission. It's the best that it's ever been. I've talked to people that are up in their 80 years of age, and they see this is terrific that we have this kind of relationship, and also with the other six cities and the Town of Vernonburg also. So we're really proud of all of our County Commissioners for working together for that.

And we have another Mayor in our audience today: Mayor Jason Buelterman, who is the Mayor of Tybee and has done an outstanding job, and he's representing Tybee today. Jason, would you stand? Where's Jason? [Applause.] Okay, he might have gone out to answer his cell phone.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. GRADUATION EXERCISES FOR THE 2007-2008 CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION.

Chairman Liakakis said, next on the agenda is the graduation exercises for the 2007-2008 Chatham County Youth Commission. We're really proud of this Youth Commission that came up —. Dr. Priscilla Thomas, a number of years ago, had the vision that we should recognize the youth in our community and to bring them forth and set up this Chatham County Youth Commission because it's been very successful. We've seen a lot of graduates go to many higher things, not here but around the country, and a lot of them have gone to college and a number of them are in business now. But they have been real successful and this is terrific. Glad that Dr. Priscilla Thomas, our Vice Chairman, who [sic] came up with this idea. And let me just tell you this. I mean, our Youth Commission has been recognized in Congress, CBS Television, other television networks have recognized them, and it's really great that we see that U.S. Senators and U.S. House of Representatives really praise our Chatham County Youth Commission. And because of that, a lot of other cities and counties around the country are also emulating this and starting their own Youth Commission because it's important that we recognize our youth. We help them in their endeavors and move them to the best way that we can. And I now I see the Director of the Chatham County Youth Commission from the beginning, who is also an Alderman and an employee of Chatham County, none other than Van Johnson. Van, I see you're graduating also.

Mr. Van Johnson said, many times, many times. That's what you do when you bend children, but Mr. Chairman, Dr. Thomas, Commissioner Stone, gentlemen:

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream-and not make dreams your master;
If you can think-and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two imposters just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew

To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on!"

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings-nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And-which is more-you'll be a Man, my son!

If you can attend meetings on every other Wednesday
And have your life and actions up for public review
If you can give up your summer
For what you have no clue
If you can make a Retreat in August,
A Reunion in December, Savannah Day in January and up the East Coast in March
If you can see your face plastered on Channel 16
And represent the CCYC in Daffin Park in the pouring rain
If you can be diverse, academic, social, civic and a-political
And think inclusively
If you can be leader
At home, in your community and in school
You would have created a new definition of cool
And you would have graduated from Youth Commission school!

Mr. Johnson said, today we celebrate the accomplishment of young people who we love, who we have watched grow up and who we endorse to an eager waiting world as leaders among leaders. Their accomplishments speak for themselves but pale in comparison to the accomplishments yet to come. For I am certain that we will again hear the names of Williams, Stone, Morse, Chu, Stevenson, Barnwell, Gusby, Middleton, Proctor, Thomas and Washington again on local, state and national stages.

The Chatham County Youth Commission has become a national model for youth development across the country. And, certainly, your continued support of the vision of Dr. Priscilla Thomas has led to a Youth Commission being formed or is formed in Cass County, North Dakota. So we're going to have to board a bus when they go to Cass County, North Dakota. Your support of this vision lead me to New Mexico in December to speak about the work that you're doing right here in Chatham County. Your support of this vision allowed us to speak to City Council members and Mayors from across the State of Georgia just this past Saturday at the Georgia Municipal Association's Annual Conference, and your support of this vision will allow us to accompany Dr. Thomas next month at Kansas City, Missouri, as she steps on the stage as the national winner of the County Courthouse Steps award for her vision of the Chatham County Youth Commission. You need to clap on that one right there. [Applause.]

So for some, and as pretty as they look, for some this road was not easy. We have several good students on the Youth Commission, but we've had some that had to struggle a little bit to make good grades. We've also had some that had some personal or behavioral challenges to overcome. But they certainly stand to you today as overcomers — as leaders and as graduates.

This would not be possible without your continued support, the support of our County Manager, Russ Abolt, Human Resources and Services Director, Mr. Kaigler, our Public Information Director, Pete Nichols, my outstanding staff, Mrs. Debra Allen, Mrs. Sandra Smalls — who was stolen from me —, Ms. Takiyah Martin and our graduate advisors, Taqwaa Saleem, who is a recent summa cum laude graduate of Savannah State University, ZaDonna Slay and John Hawkins., and we are pleased to add Ms. Marilyn Rodriguez to our staff.

We are also blessed with a plethora of community support from our Superintendent, our public school systems, as well as our private and parochial schools.

And, of course, last but definitely not least — the ones who struggled the most, who prayed the hardest, who paid the most money and who drove the most miles — especially with the cost of gas — the parents and the families of our graduates. Will the parents and the family members of our graduates please stand? [Applause.] They probably smiled the most and cried the most as well.

We are also pleased to have with us candidates, people who are aspiring to be a part of our great family, and these are our candidates for the 2008-2009 Youth Commission, and we ask that you stand at this time. [Applause.] We'll see how they make it.

I will now ask Chairman Liakakis and Dr. Thomas to come forward and confer the Chatham County accouterments to our graduates. And, parents, please when we call your names, we would like for you to come up as well.

Mr. Johnson said, we were fortunate to have in the 16-year of our Youth Commission, we had never had a Chairperson that was male, and that has changed this year. Anthony Williams served admirably as Chairperson.

Anthony Williams graduated from Jenkins High School after three years being on the Youth Commission. He is headed on a full scholarship, an ROT Scholarship to Morehouse College. Anthony Williams.

Wesley Stone was one of our co-Parliamentarians, a graduate of the Benedictine Military Academy. He served for three years and he is going to the College of Charleston. Chairman Liakakis said, as you can see, he is also the son of Commissioner Helen Stone.

Jennifer Morse was also one of our co-Parliamentarians, who stepped up when we had some issues we had to address. She is also a legacy member, which means she had an older sibling that served on the Youth Commission. She won the Delta Sigma Theta Scholarship, and she is going to Georgia State University.

Stephanie Chu was unable to be with us, but she graduated after two terms and she is graduating from Savannah Country Day and will be going to Emory University. We can give her a round of applause.

Mark Stevenson is another outstanding graduate of the Youth Commission. He served two terms, he was the Salutatorian at Savannah Christian. He is going to Auburn University on an Auburn Heritage scholarship, a Georgia Power scholarship, and a Savannah Auburn Club scholarship.

Jameya Barnwell served two terms on the Chatham County Youth Commission. She graduated from St. Vincent's Academy and she will be going to Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Morgan Gusby is a one-term Youth Commissioner, but he is a double legacy member. He had two older sisters to graduate from the Youth Commission. He was a Salutatorian at Jenkins High School, he is the winner of the Bill and Melinda Gates scholarship, a Coca-Cola scholarship, and he is going to Hampton University on a full ride.

Clint Middleton graduated two terms — well, he finished two terms from Jenkins High School. He is going on a full scholarship to Morehouse College.

Alexis Proctor served two terms on the Youth Commission. She graduated from St. Vincent's Academy and she is going to the best university in the world where you can get anywhere from — Savannah State University. There, I said it.

Another outstanding young lady, Telicia Thomas served one term and graduated from St. Vincent's Academy and she's going to Armstrong Atlantic State University. She's staying right here.

And our final outstanding graduate, Aysha Washington served two terms on the Chatham County Youth Commission. She graduated from Windsor Forest High School and she is going to Mercer University. She's so happy to graduate, she just going to take her mama and go.

Mr. Johnson said, let's give a big round of applause to all our graduates. [Applause.] Graduates, you may be seated at this time. We will now have our Chair, Anthony Williams, to come at this time. There is no crying allowed today.

Youth Commissioner Williams said, good morning. I would like to start off by introducing myself. I'm Anthony Williams. I'm the 2007-2008 Chatham County Youth Commission Chairman. I would like to say thank you to the County Commissioners for allowing us to continue in this process. I thank Dr. Priscilla Thomas for having this vision 16 years ago to involve youth in government activities. I would also like to thank the parents for supporting us throughout these endeavors and I would like to thank the advisors and the staff for using long hours for no pay actually and being mentors and parents on the go for us, and I'd like to thank all of the Youth Commissioners that put in their time and efforts to hold up the legacy that the Youth Commission has put forth. It's been a long time coming. I've been three years on this term and, like it was said, after 16 years of youth commission history I was honored to be the first male chair. It was a tedious process, I must say, but it was one that I enjoyed greatly. I didn't know what to expect exactly as the chairman. I didn't know the details that it would partaken [sic], but I must say after three years of being a youth commissioner and then my last term as being chair that I wouldn't trade it for the world. I had a charge last year from Katherine Blackburn, our former chair, to uphold the standards of the Youth Commission and to sort of ascend to what it takes to become a true youth commissioner and, if I do say so myself, I think I accomplished that goal and I thank her for her mentorship and everything that she has taught me about what it takes to become a Youth Commission Chairman.

Mr. Williams said, three years ago when I was a candidate for the Youth Commission, we wore our jeans and our white t-shirts, I never had any anticipation that I would become the Chatham County Youth Commission Chairman. I walked in the doors and I was apprehensive at first, not really wanting to even be involved in it, not knowing that the opportunities that were proceeded before me were limitless, not know that the experiences that I have with meeting new people being diverse and having different experiences would change my life forever. I had no idea what I was about to partake in, but I wouldn't change it for the world. Dealing with the diverse issue wasn't really a problem with me

because the schools I grew up in, I was always surrounded by different people, but I had never met — I never thought that I would meet some of the people that I would meet in the Youth Commission, people from different races, different ethnicities, different face groups with the same agenda, and I thank them for that.

Mr. Williams said, I would like to give a special thanks to our Director, Mr. Johnson, for everything that he has done for me. He's been like a mentor to me. He's taken me under his wing and shown me the way. He's been hard on me — I'm not going to lie — he's been real hard on me, calling me at two o'clock in the morning about meetings that I had to be at five o'clock in the morning. But it's okay, I appreciate him for that. He kind of jokes about that he owns my life for the rest of my life. I think former Chair Zadonna Slay would attest to that — he owns her life to this day.

Mr. Williams said, I would like to give a new charge to the new officers: Sheray Franklin, Desirae Suggs, Monique Pal, and all the officers of next year, to continue to hold up the standards of the Youth Commission to embrace the vision that Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas had 16 years ago about what the Youth Commission should be about how we should ascend ourselves, separate ourselves from the negativity that is being partaken [sic] on youth. I would charge you all to be great students, be great people, be great citizens and to represent your city and your county well, not only your county and your city, but your parents, your friends and your schools. Next year I plan to attend Morehouse College, where I received a full ROTC Scholarship. Again there I plan to use the things that I've learned from the Youth Commission and apply them to my everyday life, being a leader, stepping forward and representing myself and my family well.

Mr. Williams said, I want to again thank you all just for providing me the opportunity that I will never forget, some things I've seen that I never thought I'd see, some things I've done that I never thought I'd done before. Because of you all, your support and the opportunities afforded to me, I can greatly say thank you. And to our visionary — our mother, our mentor, our role model — we thank you deeply and we love you and your dedication for the youth. On behalf of Chatham County Youth Commission and especially the class of 2008, we offer you this small token of our appreciation. [NOTE: A vase of roses in various colors was presented to Commissioner Thomas.] Thank you again, and this won't be the last time you see me, okay.

Chairman Liakakis said, Anthony [Williams], I want you to know, as everybody in the audience can see you, what an outstanding chairman you have been about your leadership and all, and all of the graduates today are outstanding and we can see them going to college and many of them that have scholarships and those kind of things, and we're really proud of you because we can see the greatness of our Youth Commission growing every year and we do appreciate you and all of the family members for supporting and helping your children, your loved ones to be able to succeed like they have.

Mr. Johnson said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Beverly M. Whitehead Award is named in honor of Chatham County's first Human Resources Director and supporter of the Chatham County Youth Commission. Although Beverly left us almost 10 years ago, these young people never had the opportunity to know her, but they do exist here because of her today. This award is given annually to a person, persons or organizations that excelled in service to youth in Chatham County through the Chatham County Youth Commission. So these individuals are selected by our Youth Commissioners annually. To present this award, is her daughter, recent Georgia Southern University graduate, Monica Whitehead.

Ms. Monica Whitehead said, hi, everyone. I just want to say thank you so much for honoring her the way that y'all do year after year. The Whitehead family was her first family and me and Patrice were her first set of children, and then Chatham County was her second family and the Youth Commission was her second set of children. So this is a very important organization to her and I thank you so much for honoring her year after year.

Youth Commissioner Wesley Stone said, our first recipient is a familiar face in our community. His life has been dedicated to the betterment of the youth. Almost five years ago, he stood in this room and promised the Chatham County Youth Commission that if he became Mayor, that not only would he support the efforts of the Youth Commission, but he would work to start a Youth Council that would address the needs of middle school youth. Five years later, we have a Savannah Youth Council and we work together on youth initiatives. He does not hesitate to call on us or recognize us when it comes to youth issues. I am pleased to present the 2008 Beverly M. Whitehead Award to Savannah Mayor Otis S. Johnson.

Mayor Otis Johnson said, to our Chairman, to the members of the Commission, to Dr. Thomas, to our Director and to the members of the Youth Commission, I want to stand here on the shoulders of a lot of people and I want to thank you because no man is an island and what I have been able to achieve has been the labor or the profits from the labor of a lot of other people, and as you move through your life you will also understand that no matter how smart you are, how brave you are, or how innovative you are, it will take the work of other people along with your genius to make things happen. And so I thank you for this award and I received it, as I said, on behalf of all of those who have helped me get to where I am, and you are coming behind and, as I often say, you represent that 85 to 90 percent of our young people who are on track, who are going to do good things, and who are going to make us proud. That 10 to 15 percent, we still have to work hard to get them on track so that they can get to where you are and beyond. So thank you so much for this honor.

Youth Commissioner Mark Stevenson said, our second recipients of the Beverly M. Whitehead Award worked hard with the Youth Commission to bring the Telfair Museum, particularly the brand new Jepson Center, alive for youth in

this community. These gentlemen have totally sponsored the Annual Youth Commission Reunion for the past two years, opening the Jepson Center for over 100 Youth Commissioners, Youth Council Members and alumni. These gentlemen could not be with us today, but we thank them for their friendship and dedication. It gives me pleasure to present the 2008 Beverly M. Whitehead Award to Dr. Walter Evans and Mr. Gene Slivka.

Mr. Johnson said, thank you. And finally, and we certainly thank you for taking the time. It certainly shows where your hearts are to take the time to honor our young people today. Finally, the Brandon M. Brown Award is named in honor a young man who embodied the spirit — Brandon L. Brown. It's L. Brown. We'll kill the typist later — who embodied the spirit of Chatham County and particularly of the Youth Commission. He graduated from Savannah High School in 2000 and although he left us in 2004, we will always remember Brandon and what he meant to us. This award is presented to the Youth Commissioner, who is not an officer, who has shown the most leadership and professionalism during the course of a Youth Commission term. This individual is voted upon by their peers. So I am very pleased to introduce Brandon's mother, Saide Brown, who will make the presentation.

Ms. Saide Brown said, I'd like to say thank you all so much for having me here today, but I have to tell you a little story before I do this. Brandon is gone physically, but spiritually he's still here because tomorrow he's going to be a best man in one of his friends funerals [sic]. Now you say how is that going to work? He came to my house, got a tigger, got some clothes, and he's going to wear them. So I think that's an honor beyond honor. So he's still here with us irregardless, and on his behalf I'd like to present this award to Erica Greene. [Applause.] Ms. Brown said, it just warms my heart how you all look when you all receive this award. Even though he might have been a brat to some others, but on his behalf I would like to present this award to you and a personal Tigger. His name was Little Tigger and he collected them — my house is full with them — so each time I give an award, I give them a message from him personally.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much. We appreciate that Van [Johnson] and to all of the graduates.

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2. STEP UP GRADUATION.

Chairman Liakakis said, next on the agenda is a presentation to the Step Up graduation. This is a program that the County Commission started in 2005 for people in certain areas, low income, in our community to help them to learn to read or write, to get a skill, to be trained with a skill and to help them get a job. And before we proceed with that, we will wait until the families and graduates and other youth members exit. Thank all of you for coming this morning.

Chairman Liakakis said, I see the outstanding Sheriff, the number Sheriff in the entire State of Georgia, and he was also the outstanding Chief of Police for the State of Georgia, and we'd like to recognize Al St. Lawrence.

Chairman Liakakis said, you know, Daniel — Daniel Dodd — if you'll come forward now and do your presentation. You know, this is an important part of the County Commission about us joining up with the City of Savannah Poverty Initiative Program because they've done an outstanding job, and what we have put together starting in 2005 is take those on low income in our community, some that might be in the poverty area or what have you, and put them through training through Savannah Technical College, of course, and they learn a skill and they help them to get a job, and we are really proud of that, and we really thank the Savannah Home Builders who hired many of them in the early years for high-paying jobs, and that's really important. And now what Daniel [Dodd] is doing and his other members since the building has slowed down, the home building has slowed down somewhat, the graduates they work with other businesses and construction companies and all in our community to get them good jobs also, and we're really proud of that. So, Daniel, if you will proceed.

Mr. Daniel Dodd said, good morning, Mr. Chairman and members of the County Commission. As a reminder, two and a half years ago you all started this journey of really linking with Step Up Savannah's Poverty Initiative especially in the area of work force development, and there's no better example than that I think in this County than this construction finance program, which has had tremendous success over the past two and a half years. Step Up Savannah has also enjoyed success nationally as being acknowledged as a national model. In fact, we are chairing a group of 16 cities through the National League of Cities that are all looking at similar poverty reduction issues in their cities, and so really the work that you've all done in this area of work force development is something that is being looked at nationally as well. I, of course, would like to recognize Mayor Johnson as well, who's leadership along with Chairman Liakakis' leadership for the Board of Directors of Step Up has really set the way and really made sure that we are moving in the right direction.

Mr. Dodd said, this is the eighth class. We've had 70 folks that have come in front of you and graduated; 53 of those people — of those men and women are still working today. Out of the two classes that we've had this year, we've graduated 26 and employed 22. We are doing these classes quarterly, as you all know, so every quarter you see a group of around 10 to 15 individuals that have worked extremely hard to come in front of you to graduate, and as you said, especially in this slow economy as far as building, it really is a testament to the Program Manager Tara Sinclair and the coordinator Delonia Williams that we're still placing folks in this industry because they've had to be a lot more aggressive in driving around the neighborhoods, meeting with builders, working with commercial building projects, and for looking for ways to place folks in jobs. And it's also a testament to the work that they have done in setting the bar

high. Commissioner Farrell has always said that: set the bar really high, and we recruit anywhere from 100 people for a class and we end up with about 25 folks that will actually start the class and anywhere from 10 to 15 that actually finish the class. And so we are setting the bar high and that is building a better and better reputation within this community so that builders are anxious to get someone who has the skills and the work ethic to succeed.

In fact, I'd like to — I was inspired early before the Pledge of Allegiance, and I remembered the first class of actually the County's fiscal year that came in front of you and one of the gentlemen who came up and he was so overwrought with pride, and he said I'm just so proud to be an American, he said — one of the graduates in the class that year. And this is really government at its best, coming up with programs like this. And so this is really a testament, I think, to this country to have a local government like this Commission that has really set the way here with this program. And with that said, I'd like to go ahead and turn it over to Tara Sinclair, the Program Manager, to introduce the graduates.

Ms. Tara Sinclair said, good morning, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. Graduates, as I call your name, please line up behind me: Phillip Anfield, Ezekiel "David" Dunham, Charles Hughes, George Keressi, Kiyauri Rivers, Kareem Tanksley, and Charles Wilhite. There were three that couldn't be with us today: Brian Joshua, Tyrone McCray and Kenith Scott. Chairman and Commissioners, I proudly introduce you to the eighth graduating class of the Construction Apprentice Program. This class will graduate will graduate from Savannah Technical College on Tuesday, December 2, at 7:30 p.m., at the Johnny Mercer Theater. The men standing before you held on with commitment and dedication to achieve their short-term goal of completing the CAP program. Graduates, do you remember at orientation, along with your welcome letter, I read a poem titled, "You," and it reads:

You are the person who has set aside
Whether you do it or toss it aside.
You are the person who makes up your mind
Whether you'll lead or linger behind.
Whether you'll try for a goal that's far
Or be content to stay where you are,
Take it or leave it, there's something to do
Just think it over, it's all up to you.

Ms. Sinclair said, graduates, take a bow, give yourselves a pat on the back because you decided to do it. Again, congratulations. Before proceeding to the presentation of the certificates, I would like to take just a few minutes to recognize the members of Class 9 who were able to join us today. Class 9 would you please stand? [Applause.] Okay, you can be seated. Again, thank you for showing your support to Class 8. Also, on yesterday while preparing for ceremonies today, I received a call from a Mr. Charles Ragland of CER Trucking and Construction, and he offered to sponsor four of the students, and he joined us today. Mr. Charles Ragland, would you please stand? [Applause.] Again, thank you, Mr. Ragland. Okay, Daniel [Dodd], if you would come up.

Mr. Dodd said, we'd like to invite the County Commission to the floor to pass out the certificates and shake hands.

Ms. Delonia Williams said, congratulations. Mr. Phillip Anfield. David" Dunham. Charles Hughes. George Keressi. Kiyauri Rivers. Kareem Tanksley. And Mr. Charles Wilhite.

Ms. Sinclair said, we have two students who would like to say a couple of words. Mr. Kiyauri Rivers.

Mr. Rivers said, good morning, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, Mayor Mr. Otis Johnson. My name is Kiyauri Rivers. I'm the son of the former Commissioner Joe Murray Rivers and Barbara Davis. I came to talk to you people about the CAP program. It's a good learning that I enjoyed. I learned a lot and learned to be positive and get out there [inaudible] and be the best that I could be and I — my Daddy always told me it ain't nothing come free, if you want it, you got to get out there and get it, and I encourage everybody to keep our head up, stay strong, stay focused. Whatever you want, go out and there and get it and be the best you can be and stay out of trouble. I learned my lesson. And the last thing I want to do — I want to say, I've got one more goal. I want to make my Mama and my Daddy happy and be a better person than I was. I did get into some trouble, so I'm learning and I'm doing better now. Thank you.

Ms. Sinclair said, thank you, Kiyauri [Rivers]. Mr. Charles Wilhite.

Mr. Wilhite said, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, I certainly am happy to be here in this position. For the past 25 years I've been more or less in middle management. There's an old saying you can't teach an old dog new tricks, but because of the economy and because of circumstances, I've had to reinvent myself. In looking for opportunities to try to do this was very difficult. Résumés are great, interviews are great, but there's nothing like having a future and having a job in your hands, and for various reasons I didn't have that. This came along, I said well I'll try it. I listened to a broadcast on NPR and it said sometimes you just have to reinvent yourself. You can spend a lifetime crying instead of trying. So I said, well, let's give it a go and see what happens. So I enrolled in the program, and with the assistance of Ms. Sinclair and Ms. Williams I never had to worry about even taking a backward step, and for them I am thankful for their assistance. You are always there for me as well as for everybody in the class. Fellow classmates, I can say that if I can do it, I know you guys can and I plan on doing it and continuing to do it. This program has also offered a segment on life challenges teaching different aspects about life, about job hunting, about other skills, and I appreciate the fact that it is able to help all of us to try to achieve our goals. Again, thank you.

Ms. Sinclair said, again, thank you and congratulations, Class 8.

Chairman Liakakis said, hold it just a minute, just a minute. Charles [Wilhite] and Kiyauni [Rivers], and all of the graduates today, we thank each and every one of you. You are important to this community, never forget that. Just like Charles was talking about, you never ever give up. You know, you are going to make your own destiny, just work hard at it. Sometimes you might have a negative, but continuing working hard and you'll be successful. And we're all proud of you and you should be proud of yourselves because now and in the future we hope that you have many successes and may God bless you all.

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Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, I would like my fellow Commissioners to indulge me for one moment. In light of last week's storm, my district got hit fairly severely and there was a lot of damage, and I want to take this opportunity to thank our Public Works Department, our First Responders, the Red Cross, and Georgia Power. When I — I was out of town when this incident occurred and when I drove home, the road that I've always driven down didn't look the same. It was a mess. There was debris, limbs, downed trees, but that wasn't anything compared to some of the other neighborhoods that I walk on Saturday morning where some of these trees were through people's houses. I witnessed something that I will never forget, and that is the spirit of community effort, community support and, thank God, nobody was killed or seriously hurt, but this was a real eyeopener to me and I will say this to my fellow Commissioners, if your district is ever hit like this, it is amazing to see what you see and to really want to reach out to people whose homes have been destroyed, and I saw that, and I just want to thank all of the above-mentioned and every contribution that they have made, and my hopes and prayers are with these people as they try to rebuild their homes and they rebuild their lives. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you. We're really proud because we've got a great Public Works Department. We have great — you know, we have almost 1,600 employees with Chatham County and we're really proud of them because they do an excellent job for the citizens in Chatham County and, of course, we have Robert there, Robert Drewry, who is the Director of that department, he and Al Lipsey, and they work really hard. We really appreciate all of the things that they are doing, especially Public Works and Recreation, making a difference in this community.

Chairman Liakakis said, and thanks again to all of the family members and all of the graduates and the next class. We appreciate you coming, and I see Joe Murray Rivers right there — I know he's proud of his son — the former County Commissioners, and temporary Director of the Chatham Area Transit Authority

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

1. CONFIRMING ADJUSTING STARTING TIME AND AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETING ON THE 11TH OF JULY. PRE-MEETING FOR THE 11TH OF JULY WILL COMMENCE AT 8:30 A.M. AND THE BOARD MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 A.M.

Chairman Liakakis said, on July 11th at the main chapel at Fort Stewart the Secretary of the Army is coming there with some of his staff people, the Sergeant of the Army and others, and they will be at Fort Stewart to sign a covenant so that the elected officials in our area will sign that covenant that they will support the military, and I'm proud to say that Savannah and Chatham County is one of the top cities and counties in the entire country that has supported their military at Hunter Army Airfield and, of course, at Fort Stewart. I've had a number of generals and many of the command officers at the Army tell us, tell myself, that they are really grateful that the citizens and the elected people of Savannah and Chatham County and Hinesville are doing an excellent job in supporting the military, the best in the country. In fact, a number of the command officers said I've been in ---- one of them told me I've been in 11 different cities and he said that Savannah, Chatham County, is the best one that I have ever had the experience with because they help the military families and support the military, and that's great that we do this because our people in our community reach out to our military, which is important because, you know, they are the ones that are fighting for our freedom and they are the ones that are protecting our freedom, and that's why we are where we are today.

And what we're going to do, this is going to be on July 11th, Friday, July 11th, where we have our regular County Commission meeting. So instead of starting at 9:00 a.m., with the premeeting with the Commissioners, that will start at 8:30 a.m., in the morning and we will start the regular Chatham County Commission meeting at 9:00 a.m. We have a small agenda on that particular day. We have some important things that we have to do, but we will end the meeting

as soon as we go over those important factors. We will also set the millage what the tax base is going to be on June [sic] the 11th also, and so after we adjourn the meeting, we will get on a bus and head to Fort Stewart to the main chapel there. Our group will be on national television as well as other elected officials and what's going to come about, there will be some other publications and all recognizing us, and that will be terrific. So I thank them for inviting us there and, of course, one of our Commissioner's son, he will participate in that also with that covenant signing, and that's Commissioner Dean Kicklighter's son, Zack. So we're proud to have him there participating and I know Dean is too because when he talked to Zack, Zack was really enthused to know that he's going to be there to participate in that, and we thank him for that.

Chairman Liakakis said, so the County Manager, you're going to have everything set for us so everything will be ready to go on that date. County Manager Abolt said, yes sir. Chairman Liakakis said, okay, good.

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

1. BRIEF REPORT ON WORK OF THE CHATHAM ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM (COMMISSIONER SHAY).

Chairman Liakakis said, Commissioner Shay will make a report on that and, of course, you know, he is an outstanding architect and a really true environmentalist and he participates in a lot of environmental things. You know, we have some negatives that come up in the community and say, hey, this County Commission is not environmental-friendly. That's absolutely untrue. This is one of the best Commissions that this County has ever had that's reaching out in the community for things like they are criticizing about recycling. Absolutely untrue. Talking about that we want to cut down all the oak trees. Absolutely untrue. Talking about that we don't want to do things to make this a green county. Absolutely untrue. That there are things in place right now that this County Commission has directed the staff to do and you're going to see a lot more things happening. In fact, this Commission and this County is partnering up with the City of Savannah so that we can have a recycling center at the old Chatham County Mosquito Control and that will go into effect in the not to distant future. We really appreciate the County Manager Russ Abolt and of course Assistant County Manager Patrick Monahan to also participate in that, and we'll see some big changes. And then this County is going out, as the City of Savannah is, to check with private haulers so that at some point if it's at a reasonable cost for the citizens that we will have door-to-door pickup of recyclable items if the cost factor comes in. So there's a lot of things that this Commission is doing about green things, and now I'd like to call on Patrick Shay, who is a great environmentalist, to give us a report.

Commissioner Shay said, wow, what a windup! First of all, I'd like to thank my fellow Commissioners for appointing me to the Chatham Environmental Forum. I volunteered to do it not knowing what I was getting into and it's been a great challenge. I've really enjoyed my participation. I wanted to give you a brief report. We had about our fifth meeting on Monday, but it was the first meeting that we were able to actually start getting down to setting goals for the County and we had a facilitator that came in from Colorado, who led a great session, and it's a great group of people. It's a very diverse group. It has representatives from the environmental community and has representatives from the business community and it also has representatives from the government, and we got off to a great start there. It was during that session though that I really came to the conclusion that although we're a long way — maybe not a long way — we have some work to do I think to become the greenest county in Georgia. In fact, we already have an enormous asset and that is that we already have the greenest County Commission in Georgia. The work that you guys have already set out to do, the fact that you vote unanimously to support these kinds of efforts is a demonstration that we're already on our way because we have the kind of leadership we need. The fact that you all have instituted or this Commission has instituted the first tree protection ordinance in Chatham County, including any of the local municipal governments, that we have a new Commission in Chatham County, the Resource Protection Commission, that will continue to oversee the work that's already been done at staff level to preserve an enormous amount of green space and land and open spaces here in Chatham County, that we've instituted an amazing number of lead projects that are sanctioned by the U.S. Green Building Council as the County Commission, that our staff has made the commitment to energy efficiency that has already initiated and we look forward to results going forward as we begin measuring more carefully the things that we use in those regards, and that we join an international organization of local communities that's looking at environmental management called ICLEI.

These are examples of how this Commission is showing the way on this particular issue. Some people have come to me and they've said, well, this is just another one of those green-washing exercises, just another branding thing. That's not true. We're doing the work that we have to as a community to make sure that we're going to show the lead in the State of Georgia. Now just recently Pat Monahan came to me and he brought me a flyer brochure for a program that is statewide, it's called "Partnership for a Sustainable Georgia." This is a program that was initiated by Governor Sonny Perdue and his office and it's in conjunction with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and it's a program where we could begin to monitor our progress and document a lot of the things that we're doing. One of the things that I think we can get better about is letting our citizens know how many things we're doing already and how many things more we plan on doing going forward in the future. So with y'all's concurrence, I'd like to ask if we could let staff

look into this program that's a State of Georgia program through the Governor's Office through the Department of Natural Resources and see how we could participate because there are a number of corporations that are already participating at the very highest level, but there is no other county government in Georgia that is participating as a county government. If we participate in this program — I've look at the requirements, we're already doing a lot of them right now — we could have certified in the State of Georgia that we are in fact the greenest county in Georgia and getting more and more so every day. So if you all would allow that to at least be investigated, I'll pass that on to the County Manager and we can continue to move forward.

In closing, again I want to just wrap up the way that the Chairman began. There are a lot of folks out there that are trying to take advantage of individual circumstances, individual trees even, and I'm not saying that every tree in Chatham County isn't an asset to us — they are — but sometimes as Commissioners we have to make difficult value decisions, and traffic safety and trees sometimes come into conflict, but if you take the number of trees that this Commission has preserved through the Tree Ordinance, through the program of setting aside land to be open space, the amount of oxygen that's going back into the air as a result of all those saved trees, I mean it's an enormous and I think also a very clear demonstration that we already have the greenest government in the State of Georgia. I thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much. Dean [Kicklighter]?

Commissioner Stone asked, do we need a motion?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, if I may, I just want to commend this Commission also because I believe that it's very clear that we've been very proactive rather than reactive when it comes to turning green here, and obviously I guess because I've been involved in it a while, I like the art of politics, I guess you'd say, and in looking at reading things about green, green, green, people taking this idea out there and making it as if it's there own and not an initiative that's been led by this group, I had an opportunity to sit and research some of this stuff on green in Chatham County, and going back part of the research I looked in from the *Savannah Morning News* here a headline basically states: Chatham has resolved to become the greenest county in Georgia. This was Friday, April 4, 2008, and a local environmental forum will hash out how to make the goal a reality. Basically off of that, I'll just comment and say that other than — the reality is we're chartered with making things better in this County and we have to do so in a manner which is not going to bankrupt the area. So we're going at it in the right direction figuring out what has worked in other places and what has not. We've got a group now together that's working and going to come up with, like Commissioner Shay said, things that will really actually work. Key right here is the article says last Fall the Chatham County Commission passed a resolution to become the greenest county in Georgia. That would have been of 2007 before a lot of political rhetoric in people trying to just take advantage of that, as Commissioner Shay said, specific occurrences that may have taken place there. Prior to people throwing something out like this, we were on top of it. We were moving forward. Looking a little bit further there, and I commend Patrick — Commissioner Shay for bringing this idea to us about the greenest county, and I believe we unanimously passed a resolution for that, and what we did at that moment back then was we not only put words out there. It's really easy to talk, but we also backed it with \$50,000 that was funneled through the Metropolitan Planning Commission to do it and do it right.

Looking through here, I found an article in the *Creative Coast Alliance*. It was posted by someone named [inaudible] Simpson, and undoubtedly this person is of great knowledge when it comes to green throughout the area just from reading this. She said, "It should come as no surprise to you I would blog on greenness. It's my main thing. So while I won't subject you to a barrage of enviro news, I did think this particular headline was worth discussing." And she put, "Kudos to the Chatham County Commission and the Chatham Environmental Forum for working to secure Savannah's place as a desirable community and thriving economy and, furthermore, to situate Chatham County as a model for other counties and communities throughout the state."

Looking at an article, October 21, 2007, from the *Savannah Morning News*: "The Chatham County Commission is looking into building a green jail expansion using design standards that make buildings more energy efficient and can serve resources. The Commission voted unanimously Friday to find out just how much it would cost to get the leadership and energy and environmental design certification for the expansion of the US Green Building Council. So once again, we were looking in that direction, planning ahead.

Chatham County Commission minutes, 2006. I just put in here because I was going to email this to y'all, this is just my sense of humor and I punched "green" in. This was when you were talking about the videos here when we needed it. "Chairman Liakakis stated that the County government channel showed a number of our Commissioners with yellow faces and with green faces." I wrote: "Comment. Striving to be the greenest county with the greenest Commissioners." We're even turning green up here for everyone.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, basically, I just wanted to, like I said, commend everyone up here. You've done a great job. You know, we're not in the business, and this is proof of reacting to nonsense. Very self-serving, negative accusations that are completely not true. We're in the business of trying to make the best County for the people that live here and do it at the least expense possible, and I want to just commend all of you. You've done a great job on it, and I look forward to seeing the results from this group. I'm sure it's going to be a good thing that will be very beneficial and also it won't bankrupt the taxpayers here. So, thank y'all.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, I think it's been said beautifully by both of my colleagues, but I just wanted to say that we will continually to be challenged to be proactive in this regard in spite of .

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

An update was given by Commissioner Shay on the work of the Chatham Environmental Forum and the work of Chatham County to become the greenest county in the State of Georgia.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

None.

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IX. ITEMS FOR *INDIVIDUAL* ACTION

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

1. **TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING: 1) GENERAL FUND AMENDMENTS OF A) \$80,000 FROM INTERNAL AUDIT TO THE TRANSFER OUT TO THE RISK MANAGEMENT FUND, B) \$2 MILLION FROM DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE TO THE OPEB TRUST FUND FOR RETIREE HEALTH CARE, C) \$3.4 MILLION FROM DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE TO TRANSFER OUT TO THE CIP FUND, D) \$130,000 FROM ADA COMPLIANCE TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FUND, E) \$12,750 FROM THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS TO THE CIP FUND; 2) AN AMENDMENT TO THE RISK MANAGEMENT FUND TO INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$80,000; 3) AN AMENDMENT TO THE OPEB TRUST FUND TO RECOGNIZE THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS OF \$2 MILLION FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES; 4) A TRANSFER OF \$24,000 FROM SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND CONTINGENCY TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FUND, AND 5) AMENDMENTS TO THE CIP FUND TO INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$3,566,750.**

Chairman Liakakis said, I need 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 to approve this. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the following: 1) General Fund amendments of a) \$80,000 from Internal Audit to the transfer out to the Risk Management Fund, b) \$2 million from designated fund balance to the OPEB Trust Fund for retiree health care, c) \$3.4 million from designated fund balance to transfer out to the CIP Fund, d) \$130,000 from ADA Compliance to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund, e) \$12,750 from the Board of Assessors to the CIP Fund; 2) an amendment to the Risk Management fund to increase revenues and expenditures \$80,000; 3) an amendment to the OPEB Trust fund to recognize the employer contributions of \$2 million for investment purposes; 4) a transfer of \$24,000 from Special Service District Fund contingency to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund, and 5) amendments to the CIP Fund to increase revenues and expenditures \$3,566,750. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1**AGENDA DATE: June 27, 2008**

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Linda B. Cramer, Finance Director

ISSUE: To request approval of the following: 1) General Fund amendments of a) \$80,000 from Internal Audit to the transfer out to the Risk Management Fund, b) \$2 million from designated fund balance to the OPEB Trust Fund for retiree health care, c) \$3.4 million from designated fund balance to transfer out to the CIP Fund, d) \$130,000 from ADA Compliance to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund, e) \$12,750 from the Board of Assessors to the CIP Fund; 2) an amendment to the Risk Management fund to increase revenues and expenditures \$80,000; 3) an amendment to the OPEB Trust fund to recognize the employer contributions of \$2 million for investment purposes; 4) a transfer of \$24,000 from Special Service District Fund contingency to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund, and 5) amendments to the CIP Fund to increase revenues and expenditures \$3,566,750.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- (1) The FY2008 budget for Internal Audit included \$80,000 for a risk assessment of county computer systems. It is appropriate to budget and account for projects of this nature in the Risk Management Fund. A transfer from the Internal Audit department's budget with a corresponding amendment to the Risk Management Fund is requested. Resolutions are attached.
- (2) Actuarial valuations for the OPEB Trust Fund have indicated an annual required contribution (ARC) of over \$9 million. In addition, the County's CIP workbook lists over \$112 million for M&O capital items. At the close of fiscal 2007, the County had designated fund balance of \$8.4 million for capital projects and OPEB contributions. This request appropriates \$3.4 million for capital projects and \$2 million for OPEB from the designated fund balance. The contributions to the OPEB Fund will be invested in the Section 115 Trust established in March 2008.
- (3) The adopted FY2008 General Fund M&O budget included an appropriation for ADA Compliance. A request has been made to transfer funds to a CIP project for improvements to various sites to bring them in to compliance. The amount to be transferred is \$130,000. Correspondence is attached.
- (4) The Board of Assessors has funds available to purchase a vehicle. A transfer of funds to the CIP Vehicle replacement project is in order. The amount is \$12,750. This will fund a decision package in the FY2009 proposed budget.
- (5) A transfer of funds from the Special Service District contingency to the CIP Fund will provide funding for a program to replace damaged trees in the right-of ways. \$24,000 is available in the SSD contingency. Resolutions are attached.

FUNDING: Funds are available in the General Fund M&O and Special Service District Fund for the transfers. The budget amendments establish funding in the Risk Management Fund, the OPEB Trust Fund and CIP Fund.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) That the Board approve the following:

GENERAL FUND M&O

- a. a transfer of \$80,000 from the Internal Audit department budget to transfer out to the Risk Management Fund,
- b. appropriations from designated fund balance of \$2 million for retiree health care and \$3.4 million to Transfer Out to the CIP Fund,
- c. a transfer of \$130,000 from ADA Compliance to Transfer Out to the CIP Fund,
- d. a transfer of \$12,750 from the Board of Assessors to Transfer out to the CIP Fund.

RISK MANAGEMENT FUND

a budget amendment to increase revenues \$80,000 from a transfer in from the General Fund M&O and increase expenditures \$80,000 for a risk assessment of computer systems.

SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND

a \$24,000 contingency transfer to Transfer Out to Capital Improvement Program Fund.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND

amendments to increase revenues \$24,000 from a Transfer in from Special Service District Fund, \$3,542,750 million transfer in from General Fund, increase expenditures \$24,000 for a tree replacement project, \$130,000 for ADA Compliance, \$12,750 for a Board of Assessors vehicle, and increase CIP M&O Contingency \$3.4 million.

OPEB TRUST FUND

an amendment to recognize the employer contributions of \$2 million for investment purposes.

(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. REQUEST BOARD ADOPT THE FY2009 BUDGET RESOLUTIONS AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED RESOLUTIONS IN THE FOLLOWING SEQUENCE:**
- A. TO ADOPT THE FY2009 BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR THE GENERAL FUND M&O AMENDING THE PROPOSED BUDGET AS SHOWN IN ATTACHMENT I AND TO AUTHORIZE AN EMPLOYEE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA) EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT FUNDED IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET PRESENTED MAY 9, 2008, WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JULY 12, 2008.**

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

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

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, and as you make that motion, of course, this is the largest part of the entire budget. If you would like, you may wish to identify that this Board has directed staff to include items that came out primarily of public hearings and your workshop that are very important to keep. Mr. Chairman, would you like to do that? Chairman Liakakis said, yes, go ahead. County Manager Abolt said, we are, again at your direction, I refer to my memo of the 18th, there will be an allocation of \$20,000 for the Fair Housing Council, \$5,000 for Summer Bonanza in addition to what's already budgeted, \$5,000 in addition for the Youth Commission, \$2,500 for AWOL, \$50,000 for the Youth Futures, \$24,000 earmarked for emergency of tree replacements, \$150,000 for Tybee Beach Renourishment, \$240,000 to address the Sheriff's Canine Grant, and then a strategy that will allow the County to consider this next fiscal year, assuming the balance of the debt requested by SABHC in allowing us to work with our Financial Advisor and come back with a multi-year issuance of debt with the first payment coming due the following fiscal year. This is something that I think this Board should be very proud of. It shows that you made modifications, you've listed, you've made additions and I know the Chairman also wants to address the issue of cost of living.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone asked, Mr. Chairman, do I need to add these ten items as part of my motion? County Manager Abolt said, no ma'am, unless you want to. Commissioner Stone said, no. I mean, I just want to make sure that it was correct.

Chairman Liakakis asked, to do what now, Helen [Stone]? Commissioner Stone said, these ten items, I did not know whether they needed to be listed in my motion, and the County Manager has said they do not.

County Manager Abolt said, they're in different parts of the budget. We understand the motion would be to approve all of these. Commissioner Stone said, I just wanted to make sure.

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 Shay was not present.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to adopt the FY2009 budget resolution for the General Fund M&O amending the proposed budget as shown in Attachment I and to authorize an employee cost of living adjustment (COLA) equal to the amount funded in the proposed budget presented May 9, 2008, with an effective date of July 12, 2008. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2-A**AGENDA DATE: June 27, 2008**

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Linda B. Cramer, Finance Director

ISSUE:

To adopt the FY2009 budget resolution for the General Fund M&O amending the proposed budget as shown in Attachment I and to authorize an employee cost of living adjustment (COLA) equal to the amount funded in the proposed budget presented May 9, 2008 with an effective date of July 12, 2008.

BACKGROUND:

Chatham County is required by law to adopt balanced annual budgets for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project length budgets can be adopted for Capital Improvement Funds.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- (1) A public hearing was held during the Chatham County Commission meeting held on May 23, 2008. Copies of the proposed budget were made available in the Finance Department as well as at all Chatham County branches of the Live Oak Public Library.
- (2) By law, Chatham County is required to wait one week after the public hearing before adopting budget resolutions. Budget adoption was advertised on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 in the *Savannah Morning News* for adoption on Friday, June 27, 2008.
- (3) If the proposed budget is not adopted on June 27, 2008, the Board must revise the budget calendar and re-advertise the budget adoption at least one week prior to adoption in accordance with state law.
- (4) The funded employee cost of living adjustment (COLA) will be effective July 12, 2008 (paycheck dated July 25, 2008).
- (5) County taxes are applied to the Chatham County Stephens Day Value shown in Box 6 on the Assessment Notice, not the Market Value shown in Box 5. The Chatham County Stephens Day Value has remained unchanged for eight years.
- (6) Actual digest growth at the current millage rate yields revenues less than shown in the proposed budget. Information received since May 9, 2008 and during the workshops held by the Board indicates the desirability of further adjustments to the proposed budget. These adjustments are detailed in Attachment I, and incorporated in the attached budget resolution. Adjustments that affect a number of departments (such as the OPEB and Class and Comp Phase 2 expenses) will initially be shown as adjustments to restricted contingencies in the Other Expenditures function on the attached resolution. These adjustments will be spread to departments and shown in their respective functions on future resolutions.
- (7) During the public hearing SABHC/Union Mission asked the Board to consider a bond issue to pay off additional costs of the Behavioral Health Center. In 2005 the County had issued bonds providing funding of \$2 million for the facility. However, SABHC experienced costs above their initial construction estimates. Recent events related to the County's financial advisor make it difficult to move quickly on a bond issue at this time. Finance staff will work to resolve these issues and provide the Board with information by December relating to the funding request for the Behavioral Health Center and for renovations to the Health Department facilities outlined in the CIP Workbook. The bond issue will be targeted to begin debt service payments in fiscal 2010.

- (8) Budget resolutions for the Special Service District and other funds are attached to separate staff reports. Funding for Tybee Beach renourishment (\$150,000) is included in the proposed budget for the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund. A recommendation to transfer funds for the CIP Tree Replacement Program (\$24,000) from FY2008 SSD Contingency is included in a separate staff report under Items for Individual Action.

FUNDING:

Funding sources are identified in the budget resolution. Detail is on file in the Chatham County Finance Department.

ALTERNATIVES:

- (1) That the Board adopt the FY2009 budget resolution for the General Fund M&O amending the proposed budget as shown in Attachment I and authorize an employee cost of living adjustment (COLA) equal to the amount funded in the proposed budget presented May 9, 2008 with an effective date of July 12, 2008 (paycheck dated July 25, 2008).
- (2) That the Board amend the proposed General Fund M&O budget and adopt an amended resolution.
- (3) That the Board provide other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State law requires that annual budgets be adopted by the Board of Commissioners for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project-length budgets should be adopted for Capital Projects Funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

B. TO ADOPT THE FY2009 BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND AMENDING THE PROPOSED BUDGET AS SHOWN IN ATTACHMENT I AND TO AUTHORIZE AN EMPLOYEE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA) EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT FUNDED IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET PRESENTED MAY 9, 2008, WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JULY 12, 2008.

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

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to adopt the FY2009 budget resolution for the Special Service District Fund amending the proposed budget as shown in Attachment I and to authorize an employee cost of living adjustment (COLA) equal to the amount funded in the proposed budget presented May 9, 2008, with an effective date of July 12, 2008. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2-B
AGENDA DATE: June 27, 2008

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

ISSUE:

To adopt the FY2009 budget resolution for the Special Service District Fund amending the proposed budget as shown in Attachment I and to authorize an employee cost of living adjustment (COLA) equal to the amount funded in the proposed budget presented May 9, 2008 with an effective date of July 12, 2008.

BACKGROUND:

Chatham County is required by law to adopt balanced annual budgets for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project length budgets can be adopted for Capital Improvement Funds.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- (1) A public hearing was held during the Chatham County Commission meeting held on May 23, 2008. Copies of the proposed budget were made available in the Finance Department as well as at all Chatham County branches of the Live Oak Public Library.
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- (6) Actual digest growth at the current millage rate yields revenues less than shown in the proposed budget. Information received since May 9, 2008 and during the workshops held by the Board indicates the desirability of further adjustments to the proposed budget. These adjustments are detailed in Attachment I, and incorporated in the attached budget resolution. Adjustments that affect a number of departments (such as the OPEB and Class and Comp Phase 2 expenses) will initially be shown as adjustments to restricted contingencies in the Other Expenditures function on the attached resolution. These adjustments will be spread to departments and shown in their respective functions on future resolutions.
- (7) The resolution shows a fund balance appropriation of \$2,608,252. This amount includes \$381,960 of fund balance Reserved for Public Safety in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007.
- (8) Budget resolutions for the General Fund M&O and other funds are attached to separate staff reports. Funding for Tybee Beach renourishment (\$150,000) is included in the proposed budget for the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund. A recommendation to transfer funds for the CIP Tree Replacement Program (\$24,000) from FY2008 SSD Contingency is included in a separate staff report under Items for Individual Action.

FUNDING:

Funding sources are identified in the budget resolution. Detail is on file in the Chatham County Finance Department.

ALTERNATIVES:

- (1) That the Board adopt the FY2009 budget resolution for the Special Service District Fund amending the proposed budget as shown in Attachment I and authorize an employee cost of living adjustment (COLA) equal to the amount funded in the proposed budget presented May 9, 2008 with an effective date of July 12, 2008 (paycheck dated July 25, 2008). The revenues include \$381,960 of fund balance Reserved for Public Safety in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007.
- (2) That the Board amend the proposed Special Service District Fund budget and adopt an amended resolution.
- (3) That the Board provide other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State law requires that annual budgets be adopted by the Board of Commissioners for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project-length budgets should be adopted for Capital Projects Funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

- C. TO ADOPT THE FY2009 BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR THE COUNTY'S PROPRIETARY FUNDS, DEBT SERVICE FUND, NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, AND CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS; TO AMEND THE PROPOSED FUND BUDGETS AS SHOWN IN ATTACHMENT I; AND TO AUTHORIZE AN EMPLOYEE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA) EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT FUNDED IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET PRESENTED MAY 9, 2008 WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JULY 12, 2008.**

Chairman Liakakis said, in other words, when we adopt this, also that cost of living — the employees will receive that beginning July 12, 2008.

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

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to adopt the FY2009 budget resolution for the County's proprietary funds, debt service fund, non-major special revenue funds, and capital project funds; to amend the proposed fund budgets as shown in Attachment I, and to authorize an employee cost of living adjustment (COLA) equal to the amount funded in the proposed budget presented May 9, 2008, with an effective date of July 12, 2008. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2-C
AGENDA DATE: June 27, 2008

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

ISSUE:

To adopt the FY2009 budget resolution for the County's proprietary funds, debt service fund, non-major special revenue funds, and capital project funds; to amend the proposed fund budgets as shown in Attachment I; and to authorize an employee cost of living adjustment (COLA) equal to the amount funded in the proposed budget presented May 9, 2008 with an effective date of July 12, 2008.

BACKGROUND:

Chatham County is required by law to adopt balanced annual budgets for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project length budgets can be adopted for Capital Improvement Funds.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- (1) A public hearing was held during the Chatham County Commission meeting on May 23, 2008. Copies of the proposed budget were made available in the Finance Department as well as at all Chatham County branches of the Live Oak Public Library.
- (2) By law, Chatham County is required to wait one week after the public hearing before adopting budget resolutions. Budget adoption was advertised on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 in the *Savannah Morning News* for adoption on Friday, June 27, 2008.
- (3) If the proposed budget is not adopted on June 27, 2008, the Board must revise the budget calendar and re-advertise the budget adoption at least one week prior to adoption in accordance with state law.
- (4) The funded employee cost of living adjustment (COLA) will be effective July 12, 2008 (paycheck dated July 25, 2008).

- (5) County taxes are applied to the Chatham County Stephens Day Value shown in Box 6 on the Assessment Notice, not the Market Value shown in Box 5. The Chatham County Stephens Day Value has remained unchanged for eight years.
- (6) Information received since May 9, 2008 and during the workshops held by the Board indicates the desirability of adjustments to the proposed budget. Revenue and expenditures in the Hotel / Motel Fund have been increased to \$1,291,320 based in the latest trend information. The list of projects in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund has been revised. The Chatham Area Transit Authority (CAT) Fund has been increased to \$17,032,826 based on the budget proposed by CAT staff. The Solid Waste Fund has been reduced to balance to recommended transfers from General M&O and SSD Funds. These adjustments are detailed in Attachment I, and incorporated in the attached budget resolution.
- (7) Budget resolutions for the General Fund M&O and Special Service District Fund are attached to separate staff reports. Funding for Tybee Beach renourishment (\$150,000) is included in the proposed budget for the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund. A recommendation to transfer funds for the CIP Tree Replacement Program (\$24,000) from FY2008 SSD Contingency is included in a separate staff report under Items for Individual Action.
- (8) Project budgets for the capital funds attached to the budget resolution will be adopted upon the Board's approval of the FY09 budget resolution.

FUNDING:

Funding sources are identified in the budget resolution. Detail is on file in the Chatham County Finance Department.

ALTERNATIVES

- (1) That the Board adopt the FY2009 budget resolution for the County's proprietary funds, debt service fund, non-major special revenue funds, and capital project funds; amend the proposed fund budgets as shown in Attachment I; and authorize an employee cost of living adjustment (COLA) equal to the amount funded in the proposed budget presented May 9, 2008 with an effective date of July 12, 2008 (paycheck dated July 25, 2008).
- (2) That the Board amend the proposed budget for the funds listed and adopt an amended resolution.
- (3) That the Board provide other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State law requires that annual budgets be adopted by the Board of Commissioners for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project-length budgets should be adopted for Capital Projects Funds.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

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3. THE FOLLOWING ACTION IS REQUIRED ONLY IF THE BOARD FAILS TO ADOPT FY2009 BUDGET RESOLUTIONS: REQUEST BOARD ADOPT A CONTINUING RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2008, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2009, TO ENABLE THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO OPERATE UNTIL THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 BUDGET IS ADOPTED.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, if I may, only because I'm so proud of this body, Commissioner Shay did a wonderful job a few minutes ago talking about how green you are. You're also green when it comes to managing so wisely the tax resources of this County. You have just now set a record. For four years in a row you've adopted a budget prior to the end of the fiscal year. The next item will not be necessary. As you know, your predecessors always had to deal with continuing resolutions and sometimes the budgets for this organization were not adopted until August. That is a very bad way to do business, not a green way to do business, and what you did today is truly an accomplishment. I realize some people say, well, same old, same old. It's not. You've been involved in this budget process since January. You've spent the better part of six months coming up with a major spending plan. It addresses your goals, it's financially responsible and allow many other things to happen now because you were so prompt. What

happens anytime the budget process is delayed, everything then is backed up. We cannot commence the audit, so we're into the Fall and late, late Fall wondering how the books closed. You are doing an outstanding job, and I want to tell you, as your Manager, I say thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, I appreciate the hard work and dedication that this Board has had in going over and coming to those public hearing meetings and, of course, going over the budgets and giving their input into it so that the staff can fully understand what the desires are of this Commission, and by passing this budget like this, as the County Manager said, we did not wait on it, and since we have been on this Board we have passed this budget in ample time and not waiting to a later date, and this is really great for our Commissioners. Helen [Stone]?

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank our Finance Department, and specifically Ms. Cramer, for the hard work that you do and having us prepared with the items necessary to look at in this budget, and for keeping these budgets balanced. I think that it is a testament to something that this Commission set when we first came on board, and that is long-term financial planning, and I think it has really paid off. So I'm grateful that I have the information that I need to look at this budget and to make the decisions, even in a year when things were not as positive as we had hoped them to be. So, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thanks again to all the staff — to Linda [Cramer] and all of your staff. You did a great job, as Commissioner Stone was saying.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

No action required on this item.

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4. CNT MONTHLY REPORT GIVEN VERBALLY BY COMMANDER HARRIS. (POSTPONED FROM MEETING OF JUNE 13, 2008.)

Commander Roy Harris said, good morning, Mr. Chairman. Chairman Liakakis said, good morning, Commander. Commander Harris said, Roy Harris, Commander of CNT. If you would refer to your printed report that was provided earlier, on page one there are several significant events I want to discuss very briefly with you this morning. Item 2, a search warrant conducted on the 1900 block of East 56th Street resulted in a large seizure of Estasy and Marijuana along with \$28,000 in U.S. currency during that particular raid.

Item 4, we wrapped up a drug investigation that I know you saw publicized that we had been working on for many months on DeRenne Avenue. This was a joint drug investigation and property crimes investigation with Metro Police Department as the defendant was receiving stolen property and trading it for drugs. He was what you would probably call a high-end street level drug dealer, but he was doing a large quantity of small amounts of transactions and we recovered a significant amount of stolen property there.

Item 8, we targeted a subject that was identified during the Raging Waters investigation last year, which was our major gang initiative along with the Metropolitan Police Department. This individual was not captured during that investigation, but he came back to in light that we were able to buy some cocaine from him in the parking lot of the Mall, arrested him with \$1,900 in U.S. currency, some of our money and a loaded firearm. So that was a fairly significant arrest of a man with an extensive criminal history, and hopefully we can keep him in prison a little longer this time.

If you look at page two, crack cocaine was again the largest item of drug that we seized during the month. We took about — close to \$1,900 worth of crack off the street during the month of May.

Page three, I'm proud to say we also took 14 firearms off the street, and this month we're getting close to that already, so I think we'll have two significant months with a lot of weaponry off the street. As you know, our violent crime rate has kind of mirrored the rest of the nation in somewhat of a decrease, but that doesn't mean that we're still not targeting these types of individuals because we're seeing a lot of guns — guns and dope seem to go together. They always have and we're looking for that.

We had 46 arrests during the month. If you look at page four, we adopted four cases: Tybee Island PD, three from Metro and one from the Georgia State Patrol. All of these cases were results of uniform traffic stops where the officers had the foresight to look beyond the traffic stop and became suspicious and either got consent to search or other probable cause to search the vehicles and found significant amounts of drugs, and we adopt those cases when requested and continue the investigation.

We seized \$34,000 in U.S. currency this month. We received 10 hotline calls, all of which were assigned case numbers and 21 Crimestopper complaints and 19 of those received case numbers.

Another significant event during the month, Chatham [sic] County Sheriff Clyde Smith swore in all of the agents as Deputy Sheriffs in Bryan County. This is more of a formality than a complete necessity, but it shows the working relationship we have with Bryan County. We are now this month training a new drug officer that he's brought on board.

He asked us to bring this officer in for about two weeks and let him work with our tactical teams so the officer will gain some hands-on experience of how to write search warrants, how to conduct warrants, and things like that, which we're doing that now. The reason I say that it's more of a formality. All of our personnel are of course Chatham County Deputy Sheriffs and that gives them statewide jurisdiction as needed.

If you look at page 6, hours worked by precinct, Central Precinct was the number one recipient of hours worked this month, followed very closely by West Chatham Precinct, which is Precinct One. Garden City and Pooler were the two municipalities that received most of the work and we had 336 hours of training, 60 court hours, for the 2,588 hours of total commitment. I added this month for you the last item there, the CNT hours worked by jurisdiction from January to May of 2008, which is a pie chart for your reference. We only started tracking these hours by precinct and by municipalities back in January, but this is something we will continue which will show mostly Commissioners and the Mayors, Chiefs and others of the municipalities that we serve we're actually we're committing the time for them. Commissioner Stone, did you have a question?

Commissioner Stone said, yes. Thank you, Commander Harris. How is the hours of worked by zone determined? Commander Harris said, wherever the agents work, if they are saying Pooler, Georgia, working an investigation or even if they're out there doing a surveillance, they fill out a form on a weekly basis saying that that number of hours was in that particular jurisdiction. That's the track where we work, and then we compile those on a monthly basis. Commissioner Stone asked, I guess really my question is how do you decide what — who to put where and when? Commander Harris said, these cases are many times driven by either the jurisdiction asking us for assistance or we get complaints in from various people, such as yourself that you get a citizen complaint and then we would follow that complaint wherever it was. A lot of times our surveillances go over the entire County if we're following somebody, but we work very closely with our municipalities and with our precincts in the Metro district to engage complaints there, and that's where the hours come from. Of course, some of it is informant driven that we get informant information. We also receive cases from the drug hotline, tip line and a lot of them from Crime. So that's where they come from. Commissioner Stone said, I was just curious as to how your manpower was divided up and what determined who went where. Commander Harris said, we don't have people assigned, say, to a certain municipality. We're more case-driven than we are that, although one of the rules that we have is the personnel assigned from each municipality must make contact with their point of contact or their chief, depending on the size, two times a month to ensure that we're doing all that we can. And I personally talk to each one of the chiefs several times during the month or during that quarter and once a quarter I go by and personally meet with them to ensure that we're doing all that we can for them. And we had a Drug Advisory Board meeting this week, as a matter of fact. The majority of the chiefs and other law enforcement leaders in the area were there at the meeting and that is another thing. At that point we discuss the policy updates that we have done, we give them a recap of what we have done since the last meeting, which is usually a three-month period, and have other discussions, talk about, you know, initiatives that we have going on and receive input back from them at that time. Commissioner Stone said, well, I was just curious because I've had several concerns in the Whitefield Avenue area and just wanted to make sure that they were given certainly the attention that they need and I was looking at the numbers here, but y'all do an outstanding job. Commander Harris said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Odell.

Commander Harris said, I'm very appreciative too with your support of the Sheriff's Canine Unit. We are a major recipient of assistance from that particular unit. You will see on most of our reports that the Sheriff's canine people were with us, and that is one of the top-rated regional drug dog units within the State of Georgia, so if that went away it would severely impact our operations. Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Odell said, Chief, I recently talked to a friend who's a U.S. Attorney and I won't name the particular island and he offered that any negotiated plea in a drug case that there's an allocution and it's under oath, and the purpose of which is to route out everything that — if that person is getting some benefit of entering a plea, and the benefit is reduced number of years — then that person in order to get that benefit has to divulge everyone that he or she can recall that he or she has been involved and that information is given to the law enforcement and that is another avenue of commencing the investigation. Now the investigations are by and large complaint-driven. I spoke at a church recently and when my wife and I were parking, I saw what I know to be a drug buy. It was a drug buy, and as part of my speech I asked the minister, within a hundred yards, and I called your office and notified them about this particular incident, but my point none the less is would that be helpful in your opinion for negotiated pleas for there to be an allocution as to criminal involvement with drugs and that information be provided to CNT?

Commander Harris said, yes sir. That is something we currently use, particularly with the U.S. Attorney's Office. Drug time in the federal level is a lot more stringent than on the state level because of the guidelines. They don't get good time off for time served in the federal system. That is a standard tactic that U.S. Attorney's Office has used and we currently have four investigations going with different federal agencies, joint investigations where we can utilize this, but you've got to meet federal thresholds to get the defendants into that system. Now usually on these major cases where we end up with maybe 20 defendants, we will break that down. The federal government will take the major defendants out of there and then the District Attorney's Office will end up prosecuting the other ones. On the state level, because of the overcrowding of prisons, it's not as an effective of a tool because a lot of the defendants know as "non-violent violators" they're not going to spend a lot of time in jail. So we don't have that plea-bargaining ability

there that we do on the federal level, but that's an excellent point that you bring up, Commissioner, and that's something that's very beneficial to all law enforcement to utilize that.

Commissioner Odell said, because on the federal side they get two points for cooperating. Commander Harris said, right. Commissioner Odell said, although we have the federal guidelines, I would like to see some system, even though we have a crisis as far as jail beds on the state side, whereas if you're getting a benefit from entering a negotiated plea, then you're going to have to do something for the community and give up those people that you know of who are involved in illicit drug activities. Commander Harris said, we can do that on the state level and we're fortunate in this unit that you folks have provided two assistant district attorneys full-time, that they're in-house so they know how we operate and they can in fact modify pleas or recommendations to the judge for assistance rendered on investigations. As I said, it's not quite as big a hammer as we have on the federal level, but it is an effective hammer to use nevertheless, and we've got some recent cases where defendants — I heard them talking about one the other day that the guy said he was going to cooperate, but everybody he named were — nothing turned up, and we realized very quickly that he didn't want to turn in any of his friends or his real sources in and the ADA had to sit back down and say, you know, just because you say you're cooperating, you're not demonstrating that and it's not going to help you any. So it's counterproductive. So we are using those type systems.

Commissioner Odell asked, is it getting better? I mean, is the war on drugs, are we making headway, holding sale or —. Commander Harris said, that's difficult to say where we are on that. What I see happening now with the non-violent offender category and drug people getting out so quickly, they learn. They learn our process and they're more difficult to catch the next time, and some of the complaints that you folks have received — I know Commissioner Holmes was one that we've arrested the same young men — what — two or three times in this same neighborhood and they're right back out and the citizens get very frustrated about it, as we do. But we've got just a small part of that job to do and that's catch them and put them into the system. So that's the frustrating part, and any time you see the prisons get overcrowded, which we're facing right now and the state funds are very limited to minimize that, then we end up with the folks that you are going to see a lot more forgeries, you're going to see property crimes go up, and you're going to see drug violations go up because these folks are being released, and it is a known fact that the majority of the crimes are committed by a small group of core people over and over and over — the recidivism rate. Commissioner Holmes said, I agree.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. Commander, is it fair to say — I just want to try to — off of Commissioner Stone's there — just to better understand it as a commissioner up here, if we have a report about something that we may not necessarily see a rise in ours because of the nature of CNT's undercover operations that would possibly take you a while to establish the relationships with whoever's been report, where at that point you're in there putting more man-hours towards arresting them. Does that make any sense?

Commander Harris said, yes, that's true. It may take some time, of course, when we get a complaint from you, Commissioners, which we know came from a constituent, then we certainly try to address that as rapidly as we can, but many times it's not as effective as we would certainly like for it to be. So —.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, because you have to build relationships in order to get in the inside, I'm sure, undercover. Commander Harris said, and some of them we run into recently that, you know, one I know in mine that we got two or three complaints on was on a dead-end street. Every attempt we had to go in there and surveil it and go in there, they immediately knew we didn't belong in there. You know, we went to some electronic countermeasures to try to gain information and other things, but these folks are very sharp in what they do. Commissioner Kicklighter said, right. Well, I just thought that. If you were a lawn mowing company and you get a report that somebody's grass is high, you can run in there and mow it, but with this you can't just grown in grashing the doors in. You've got to establish some type of investigation, which sometimes may take time. So us looking at hours, we might not necessarily realize that you are investigating whatever complaint because you're trying to get in or whatever. Commander Harris said, yes sir. Commissioner Kicklighter said, I was just really defending you because I know that every time, like if someone calls and I could tell from the beginning of your report that you will put people on everything's that reported to you —. Commander Harris said, yes sir. Commissioner Kicklighter said, — and I just — and I know Commissioner Stone knows that, too, and I was trying to explain for, you know, or I was trying to understand better for all of us that we might not see it in the hours if that's the case.

Chairman Liakakis recognized County Manager Abolt.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, I want to answer, if you'll allow me, Commissioner Odell's question from a different point of view. I think it's very obvious to appreciate how potentially depressing a career path in drug enforcement is. You never see us for obvious reasons bringing down, you know, all of our agents to be seen and congratulated in front of you. The nature of their work, would not allow that to happen. To have a young man or woman, a son or daughter, make choice to get in this type of law enforcement must be very painful for a parent, but what I've seen for the last year or so, and I know the Chairman has because he has made himself so available to meet with agents, to interact with them, to realize that for a while their dobbers, their spirit was down, but now in that same period of time because of the leadership of Commander Harris, it's a completely different impression I get. Now I realize this is not scientific, but I see men and women of all ages now who are working in this very depressing field that are there because they want to be there. They fell they can make a difference, and that's because of

the leadership of Commander Harris and the whole support of the Drug Advisory Board, but it starts with you as the County Commission. What you've done and what you've insisted on as far as this regional approach, countywide approach to drug enforcement, creates this type of mentality to succeed and to overcome, and with that I would like to ask Commander Harris to give you an update on his staffing levels and what has happened with the cooperation of so many, including the Metropolitan Police Department, but also because folks trust and put the future of drug enforcement really in one man: Roy Harris.

Commissioner Odell said, Russ [Abolt], may I — before we get — do that. County Manager Abolt said, I want him to answer it when he gets a chance. Commissioner Odell said, yeah. I know that Commander Harris is doing an excellent job and I'm in court — I see these cases. I'm just wondering that it seems like there's an endless supply. You arrest one individual and that individual is put in jail, but is immediately replaced. I see us on that side, but my thoughts and the nature of my question is we're going to have to do something on the other side to drive supply, dry up the demand. We have drug dealers and they don't put guns on people to make people use drugs. They don't even have to be great salesmen. They have a product, the product is desired, and people search them out, and I really want in the next four years for us to look at and think through what kinds of things can we do to dry up the demand. You know, we give money to a lot of organizations, but this needs to be a two-pronged battle, not just a battle as far as enforcement and if you find yourself in the hole, you need to stop digging. And, you know, Commander, that if you arrest a person, say, and you've arrested several, or your team has arrested several people in parts of my district, and what happens is they'll move to another part of the district. I mean, while they're in jail, other people come in and I really want us — and us being the Commission — to think through what kinds of things that we can do to reduce the demand. Is it greater treatment, because my limited experience has indicated if I have good health insurance, if I've got a kid who's a little bit nutty, I can send him to a psychiatrist and he'll load him up on all kinds of professional medications. What happens if you don't have health insurance or you have Peachcare, which won't do it. A lot of people use marijuana and other drugs as — to anesthetize from. What kinds of things can we do as the policymaker to start to cut in to that self-medicating? And that's not a question for you, Commander. That's a question for the fellow Commissioners. We have a good group of folks. Every problem that's faced us this Commission, we've addressed it. I think we need to look beyond the enforcement and start looking at the flip side is drying up the demand, either — and it's just an idea and it's not completely formulated, but we need to dry up the urge.

Commander Harris said, well, sir, what you say is true. United States is the number one drug consumer in the world, and that's very unfortunate because that is a demand side, and you Commissioners are doing a lot already to address that with Dr. Thomas' program that was just here this morning. You're picking out these young people and giving them self-esteem, which is a big part of what we're dealing with with our youth is a lack of that. So — and the Step Up Programs. You're doing things to help that, but this has got to be a community-wide embracement if you want to say where we in the community work together, and I tell my folks that all the time. You're serving these citizens here, so let's not be too rough with them. Let's go down. They call us, they want us to come in and excise this cancer from among their midst. That doesn't mean that we cut half the body off. We've got to go there and do it in a surgical manner and keep their support. And we've got to do that, and you folks, I know you understand that because you deal with constituents more than I do. That is what we're aiming at doing as best we can and with all the other agencies there. I put such a preference on us going out and talking to community action groups, to any type of group that will allow us to come speak to them about drug enforcement because we tell them we've got to have your help. We've got to do this hand in hand, and you've got to care about what your children are doing. You've got to watch your children. You can't just let your children go off with anybody they want to go off with, and we show them some very good slide programs about how easy it is to get hooked on drugs — pharmaceuticals that they can still out of your cabinet, your medicine cabinet that you had left over from surgery or a broken leg and you don't think anything about it, or how, Lord forbid, they get methamphetamine, which is not epidemic here, but the second time we run into that, then they may be hooked on it.

Commander Harris said, but enough of that. I'll move over to the Manager's question about our staffing concerns. Currently we only have two agencies with vacancies: Thunderbolt — we just lost an officer from Thunderbolt Police Department a couple of weeks ago. I met with Chief Pennington yesterday and we're working to try to rectify that situation. And we have the existing twelve vacancies plus one sergeant from the Metropolitan Police Department. Now we backfilled four of those positions, but this past two weeks we have interviewed twenty applicants and two sergeant applicants to fill those positions. We have completed those interviews and are now getting ready to make our selections to fill all of Metro slots that we have available, and I hope this will come to past within the next month. And this is because of their staffing levels are now up to near one hundred percent and they're able to come forth with this.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to mention something based on what Commissioner Odell was speaking of and that is the issue of recidivism, and the Chairman and I had the opportunity the other night to attend a faith-based initiative put on by the State Pardons and Parole Board with their Chairman Garland Hunt, and one of the things that really impressed me and part of my endeavor to learn more about our crime problem in this community is when these people re-enter society after they have been in prison eight, ten, twelve, eighteen years, what are they going to do? They get \$25 and are put back on the streets. That is just an invitation to go about this again. Savannah Impact is doing a phenomenal job with that and we actually had testimony from an individual who is buying and selling properties privately in this community — buying properties, excuse me — and allowing these individuals to work as carpenters, masons, electricians, and I'm not exactly sure where the strategy of the training comes in or at what point

that takes place. But the whole point of what I want to say is that if you put these people right out of prison back on the streets, they're going to do what they always have been known to do, and it is up to all of us in this community to look for opportunities for these individuals to provide them with gainful employment so that they do have an alternative to what they have only known, and I don't know what rate the recidivism plays in this, but if my recollection serves me well, it seems to be pretty high. And so I want to follow up with this individual and help them — support them in any way that we can to give these people something to do other than what they were doing that got them in prison in the first place. Commander Harris said, I totally agree with you. Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Gellatly.

Commissioner Gellatly said, Commander, I have a question. Looking at this chart, you have listed Savannah taking most of your time, but is the unincorporated area and the City of Savannah — are you putting them together? Commander Harris said, yes sir, that's —. Commissioner Gellatly asked, is it possible to put the unincorporated area —. Commander Harris said, separate. Commissioner Gellatly said, I mean. They are like a second city of their own. Commander Harris said, yes sir, we can do that. Commissioner Gellatly said, seventy some-odd thousand, because it makes it look like — you know, obviously, Savannah has a significant problem, but adding the unincorporated area to that —. I mean, you wouldn't add it to Thunderbolt or to some other communities. So if we could isolate that, that might be helpful. Commander Harris said, we can do that. Commissioner Gellatly said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, one of the things that I would like to bring out today — I stated this before — elected officials in this community unfortunately with the City and the County have not been given until recently the statistically what the Drug Squad has done for whatever reason, and I want to — I've got the figures here from 1994, when the Drug Squad was put together with the seven cities and the County coming together for this CNT because it has been very successful. The arrests that have been made by the Drug Squad, even though they were not fully staffed in a number of years, in a number of years — just like you're talking about getting those 13 positions filled now — is they have arrested 11,794 drug dealers in some capacity. 11,794 drug arrests have been made by this CNT Squad. That's a huge amount of drug arrests that have been made. In addition, while they're making these arrests, they have seized over 1,068 weapons — guns, shotguns, you know, those kinds of things that they use in their areas, and this is a big figure, and I also have all of the different drugs that were seized: cocaine powder, cocaine crack, marijuana, heroin, methane, and all of these others, and almost \$2,000,000 in cash. So it isn't like the CNT wasn't doing the job, but what happens is somebody selling drugs on the corner of some street within the community and the elected official receives that, and they get that, and two or three others get that information, and then they say, hey, all these drugs are being sold in the community and the CNT isn't doing their jobs. Absolutely untrue again because you can see all of these arrests that have been made, the weapons that have been seized, the drugs that have been seized and also the money shows that they have been working hard, but those, you know, drug sales on the corner sometimes they don't get to them immediately right there because they want to dry up the supply for one thing, just like you've made a huge arrest right off of Thunderbolt not too long ago. But, anyway, I just want to make sure that all elected officials, whoever it might be, receive the information about how many drug arrests have been made, and this is good that you give the monthly report because for some reason the information was not distributed to those elected officials, and consequently, because they hear some complaints that's on the street, they think the Drug Squad hasn't done anything. But when you've got 11,794 arrests, that shows that this Drug Squad has worked hard even though they were not fully staffed and all of the other seizures that were made. And I thank you, Commander Harris, because you made a big difference since you have come on board. I can see that your agents are motivated. I've been up there a number of times and they really are out there doing an outstanding job. So thank you for your leadership and to all of the agents that are doing a great job in our community. Commander Harris said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Odell said, Roy [Harris], just one — two things. First of all, you have a great last name — Harris. Good name. Commander Harris said, thank you, sir. Commissioner Odell said, I'm not certain if the numbers are true in the sense that I think for burglaries, breaking into autos, stealing copper out of air conditioning — you go to work and somebody comes out and steals the copper out of your \$8,000 air conditioner. More than likely that person is on some kind of drugs. Commander Harris said, more than likely. Commissioner Odell said, more than likely. So, I think CNT has done an excellent job. It's the other side of the equation that I really want us in the coming years to start working on, and the other side of the equation, the benefits is that we can impact burglaries and those other property crimes that are such a major nuisance. I don't know if you've ever had anyone to break into your house or break in your office. I had my office burglarized before I put in burglar bars, a camera. It's like it's a high-tech security. But it leaves you feeling uncomfortable in a space which you own or you're paying for. I think we can impact those property crimes and I think it will need the involvement of the various judges as far as probation. If you get probation, you should automatically be drug tested during your period of probation, if you get probation, to ensure that you're not going out ripping someone off, snatching a purse. If you have a deficiency as far as education, you need to get your GED. That needs to be a condition of probation. I just think that there are a lot of things in addition to enforcement we can do that will ultimately impact the numbers of crimes that are committed here. You know, David [Gellatly] knows this, not because he was former Chief of Police, but because he's a close friend of Rudy Giuliani. David knows that in 1994, when Giuliani took over as Mayor of New York, Dinkins had gotten the Legislature to approve 4,500 additional new police officers, but they instituted a system that revolutionized law enforcement. They went from a pure statistics to a matrix system, which for those in law enforcement I am certain they are aware of it. I think we have the opportunity to do similar kinds of things as far as not on the enforcement, but reducing the demand side of it and being able to monitor it because the fast majority of crimes are committed by people who have committed other crimes. The fast majority of crimes are committed who've committed other crimes. Why we've got them, let's either break them of that habit, socialize, they become part of the great American work force that goes to work when you're a little bit sick and not

necessarily like your boss, but you stay there because your kid needs braces. That's the American dream. They need to be part of that. While we've got them on probation, we can make them part of that. My speech for the morning.

Chairman Liakakis said, what Harris [Odell] is talking about, and of course Helen [Stone] spoke about, the repeaters in our system are great. It's a little over 80% of the crime is committed by 20% of the criminals unfortunately, and I have lobbied with some State Legislatures, not only local ones, but also the Department of Corrections for the State of Georgia. The simple facts of the matter is this, as was mentioned: When they come out of prison, they get \$25 and a bus ticket home and in many instances they don't have a home to go to. So they're out on the street and it leaves them in a very dangerous area, and what happens is they start committing crimes again. So what I've been doing for the last couple of years, and hopefully it will happen, because right now the State of Georgia is spending \$1,200,000,000 to house state prisoners. \$1,200,000,000 they're spending. Now a lot of that cost factor for prisoners that we have in our local jail, we can save taxpayers a lot of money. Instead of paying out all of this money for the 1,600 – 1,700 prisoners that we have here and especially most of them are repeaters is the state corrections — state prisons will do this, take those prisoners while they're in there, teach them to read or write if they can't read or write, teach them a skill so that they learn about a job, and the Georgia Department of Labor helps them get a job, they will be, you know, productive citizens and a good percentage of them will not commit crimes again because they are able to get a job with the Department of Labor and it will save millions and millions of dollars for the State and it will save all the Counties in the State of Georgia a huge amount of money because we're not having those many people because they've become productive citizens and it's incumbent upon the State to really do that. Now I know one of those Correction people didn't like me when I pushed them on that. Too bad. I'm going to continue to do that.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you, Commander Harris. We appreciate you, you know, and your service. Commander Harris said, thank you, sir.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commander Harris gave a status report on the activities of the CNT during the month of May, 2008.

CHATHAM~SAVANNAH COUNTER NARCOTICS TEAM

MONTHLY REPORT MAY 2008

Chatham Savannah
Counter Narcotics Team
Monthly Report
May
2008

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Search Warrants Executed: 8
2. Investigations, Tactical Team, and Chatham County K-9 executed search warrants in the 1900 block of East 56th St (residence) and the 1000 block of Abercorn St (business). The investigation revealed that the target dealt large quantities of ecstasy and marijuana. Agents seized marijuana, scales, packaging materials, approximately \$28,000. US Currency. The target was charged with multiple sales of ecstasy and trafficking in ecstasy.
3. Tactical Team Agents executed two search warrants in the 1600 Block of West Bay St at a hotel in which numerous drug complaints had been received. This operation led to the seizure of crack cocaine and the disruption of the illegal activity.
4. Tactical Team Agents, Investigations, SCMPD Property Crimes Investigators and Chatham County K-9 wrapped up a drug investigation that led to the recovery of

many items of stolen property. A search warrant was executed in the 500 block of Durant Ave. This location was a hub to sell and exchange stolen items for illegal narcotics. This led to several arrests and the seizure of drug items. Items of stolen property such as computers, televisions, bicycles, printers, etc, were recovered.

5. Tactical Team Supervisor initiated and coordinated a multi-jurisdictional highway interdiction operation that involved many agencies: GSP, SCMPD, CCSD, CCSD K-9, and others. Agents and officers patrolled Interstates 95 and 16. This led to over 200 citations being issued and several arrests. (DUI, Narcotics Violations, and Outstanding Warrants).
6. Investigations and the Tactical Team conducted a surveillance operation on Rommell Avenue in Garden City. Agents were able to seize several ounces of crack cocaine after observing the illegal activity. A subsequent search of the target residence found additional crack cocaine, marijuana, cooking utensils with crack residue, and two firearms. This case led to several arrests for the aforementioned items.
7. Agents executed a search warrant in the 100 block of La Donna Ave on Wilmington Island. Agents seized several ounces of marijuana, ecstasy, mushrooms, and cocaine.
8. Investigations conducted a buy bust operation on subject from the past Raging Waters investigation. The case was made at the Oglethorpe Mall after the target agreed to sell cocaine. Agents seized \$1,900.00 in currency, a loaded pistol, and \$150.00 of official CNT funds.

UNDERCOVER BUYS	
Buys	Number
Undercover Buys	12

Drug Type	Value	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	62.6 Grams	\$6,260
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	185.5 Grams	\$18,550
Methamphetamine	\$100 per gram**	3.4 Grams	\$340
Marijuana	\$140 per ounce*	46.8 Ounces	\$6,552
Heroin	\$250 per Gram	N/A	0
Ecstasy	\$25 Dosage Unit	13 D/U	\$325
Misc. Pills	Various	262 D/U	N/A
Hashish	\$150.00 per gram	0	0

* Source: Office National Drug Control Policy

** Source: Established regional average price

***Source: IAW GBI reporting – One marijuana plant equals 2.2 lbs of processed marijuana

WEAPONS SEIZED	
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Firearms (including hand guns and long guns)	14
Other weapons (razors, knives, fighting tools)	0

PERSONS ARRESTED*

Powder Cocaine – Possession	3
Powder Cocaine – Possession with Intent to Distribute / Manufacture / Sale	3
Powder Cocaine – Trafficking	0
Crack Cocaine – Possession	2
Crack Cocaine – Possession with Intent to Distribute / Manufacture / Sale	9
Crack Cocaine – Trafficking	2
Marijuana – Possession	9
Marijuana – Possession with Intent to Distribute / Manufacture / Sale	1
Marijuana – Trafficking	0
Methamphetamine – Possession / Manufacture / Sale	0
Synthetic Drug (MDMA, Ecstasy) Possession / Sale	0
Prescription Drugs – Fraud / Forgery / Possession / Sale	3
Heroin Possession	0
Criminal Attempt to Possess Controlled Substances	2
Non-Drug Related Offenses**	7
Possession of Drug Related Objects	2
Conspiracy to Violate the GA Controlled Substance Act	0
Total Arrests	46

* Characterized by the highest charge filed, **NOT** total charges.

**Non-drug related offenses include firearms violations, Obstruction, Simple Battery, etc.

ADOPTION CASES FROM OTHER AGENCIES

AGENCY	OFFENSE
Tybee Island PD 5/1/08	Possession of Cocaine
SCMPD - 5/9/08	Possession C/S W/Intent – Crack Cocaine
SCMPD – 5/13/08	Possession C/S W/Intent – Crack Cocaine
SCMPD – 5/13/08	Possession C/S W/Intent – Crack Cocaine
GSP – 5/25/08	Trafficking Cocaine - Crack

ASSET FORFEITURES

US Currency Seized (Initiated forfeiture proceedings)	\$33,264
Motor Vehicles Seized (Initiated forfeiture proceedings)	0

DRUG COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED

Drug Complaints	Received	Assigned
Project Log/Official Complaints	1	1
Green Sheets/ Outside Agencies	2	2
Hot line/ Call-In Complaints	10	10
Crime Stopper Complaints	21	19

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Sergeants and/or agents attended the following Community Meetings:	
<p>CNT Command Staff attended the Police Memorial Day Service at SCMPD HQ.</p> <p>Lt Smith and Agent Harley and Agent P. Delatorre attended Career Day at West Chatham Middle School.</p> <p>CNT Agents and Command Staff were deputized by Bryan County Sheriff Clyde Smith.</p>	<p>Commander Harris attended a regional planning meeting on resources to help Drug Endangered Children.</p> <p>Commander Harris conducted a Crime Awareness Meeting at Bloomingdale City Hall for approximately thirty citizens.</p>

TRAINING STATISTICS

Course Title	Agents Trained	Course hours per Agent
Five Day In-Service Block Training	8	40
Arab, Muslim, and Sikh Culture	4	4

HOURS WORKED BY ZONE

SCMPD – West Chatham Precinct	511
SCMPD – Downtown Precinct	218
SCMPD – Central Precinct	513
SCMPD – Southside Precinct	242
SCMPD – Islands Precinct	196
SCMPD – Skidaway Precinct	90
Garden City	122
Port Wentworth	39
Bloomingdale	12
Pooler	131
Thunderbolt	0
Tybee Island	4
Out of County (Task Force Operations, etc.)	50
Assistance Rendered to Outside Agencies	64
Training	336
Court Hours	60
Total Hours Worked	2588

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X. ACTION CALENDAR

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

Chairman Liakakis said, we have Items 1 through 7 and under 7 we have Items A through DD. Do we have a motion on the floor or would anybody like to hold out any of those particular items. We'd like a motion on the floor to approve all items on the Action Calendar.

Commissioner Farrell said, so moved. Commissioner Thomas said, second, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor to approve all items on the Action Calendar. Go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve Items 1 through 7-DD, both inclusive. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

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

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1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 13, 2008, AS MAILED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commission Farrell moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 13, 2008. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 5, 2008, THROUGH JUNE 18, 2008.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period June 5, 2008, through June 18, 2008, in the amount of \$3,656,890. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

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3. REQUEST FROM DAVIS ENGINEERING, ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, H&L DEVELOPERS, LLC, FOR THE COUNTY TO INITIATE THE WARRANTY PERIOD AND REDUCE THE FINANCIAL GUARANTEE FOR MOSSWOOD, PHASE 2. [DISTRICT 7.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve the request from Davis Engineering, engineer for the developer, H&L Developers, LLC, for the County to initiate the warranty period and reduce the financial guarantee for Mosswood, Phase 2. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-3
AGENDA DATE: June 27, 2008**

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Leon Davenport, P.E., Assistant County Engineer

ISSUE: To initiate the warranty period and reduce the financial guarantee for Mosswood, Phase 2.

BACKGROUND: The engineer, Davis Engineering, for the developer, H&L Developers, LLC, requests that the County initiate the twelve month warranty period and reduce the financial guarantee for Mosswood, Phase 2.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Mosswood is a new single family residential subdivision located on Burton Road. Phase 2 of Mosswood consists of 53 lots on 20.66 acres. Paving and drainage improvements will be maintained by the Mosswood Homeowners' Association. Water and sewer has been accepted for ownership by Consolidated Utilities, Inc.
2. The constructed improvements on the site are complete. They have been inspected and found to be without fault.
3. The developer has submitted a letter of credit issued by Colony Bank in the amount of \$621,386, which is 100% of the cost of improvements. He requests the bond be reduced to \$168,459, which is 50% of the cost of improvements excluding the utilities on site.
4. Streetlight costs and maintenance are the developers responsibility until the warranty period is ended.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To initiate the warranty period and reduce the financial guarantee for Mosswood, Phase 2.
2. Do not approve the request.

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

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commissioners adopt Alternative No. 1.

District 7

PREPARED BY: Nathaniel Panther

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**4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER TO THE CITY OF SAVANNAH THE RIGHT OF WAY ACQUIRED BY CHATHAM COUNTY FOR CERTAIN ROAD PROJECTS CONSTRUCTED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH.
[DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve a resolution to transfer to the City of Savannah the right of way acquired by Chatham County for certain road projects constructed within the City limits of the City of Savannah. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4

AGENDA DATE: June 27, 2008

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Leon Davenport, P.E., Assistant County Engineer

ISSUE: To approve a resolution to transfer to the City of Savannah the right of way acquired by Chatham County for certain road projects constructed within the City Limits of the City of Savannah.

BACKGROUND: To construct certain road capital improvement projects, the County acquired right of way for Jimmy DeLoach Parkway, Phase 1. Upon completion of this project, the right of way needs to be transferred to the City of Savannah since the maintenance for such roads are the long-term responsibility of the City.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The County acquired right of way for the construction Jimmy DeLoach Parkway, Phase 1, a road capital improvement project which is now complete.
2. Attached is a Resolution with Exhibit A describing the right of way and parcels acquired for the project.
3. After Board approval, the Resolution will be forwarded to the City of Savannah for approval by the City Council.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. That the Board approve the Resolution transferring the right of way to the City of Savannah.
- 2. That the Board not approve the Resolution and retain the right of way and maintenance requirements.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The Board must approve the transfer of rights of way of projects to the appropriate municipal jurisdiction.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commissioners adopt Alternative No. 1.

District 7

PREPARED BY: Nathaniel Panther

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CHATHAM

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Chatham County has improved and/or widened certain rights-of-way for the purpose of streets and roads within the City limits of the City of Savannah and,

WHEREAS, Chatham County has acquired the appropriate rights-of-way for the widening of said streets or roads or the creation of new streets and roads within the city limits of the City of Savannah and,

WHEREAS, Chatham County desires to transfer to the City of Savannah the rights-of-way and such improvements to the City of Savannah and,

WHEREAS, the City of Savannah wishes to accept the rights-of-way for said streets or roads that are within the City limits of the City of Savannah.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Chatham County does hereby grant, convey and transfer to the City of Savannah all those certain parcels of land within the required rights-of-way limits of those streets and road improvements described on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof to the City of Savannah.

This the _____ day of _____, 2008.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Witness

BY _____
Chairman

Notary Public

Attest _____
Clerk

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED
this _____ day of _____, 2008.

THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

BY _____
Mayor

Attest _____
Clerk of Council

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION OF PARCELS OF LAND WITHIN THE REQUIRED RIGHTS OF WAY FOR CERTAIN STREET AND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS MADE BY COUNTY OF CHATHAM, WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH, STATE OF GEORGIA, SAID ROAD PROJECTS AND A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION FOR SAID PARCELS BEING SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL RIGHTS OF WAY MAPS PREPARED BY CHATHAM COUNTY, FOR THE PROJECT SHOWN HEREINBELOW WHICH MAPS ARE MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE.

Project 1- Jimmy DeLoach Parkway Construction Project: All those certain parcels of land acquired by Chatham County within the required right of way for Jimmy DeLoach Parkway, Phase 1, including rights of access to said Parkway which the City of Savannah agrees to enforce and maintain in the manner and location in which said access rights were acquired and in accordance with and as specified by the final right of way plans for said Project, beginning at or near the intersection of Jimmy DeLoach Parkway and State Route 21, and ending approximately 0.5 miles west of Benton Boulevard at the City Limits of Pooler. The total length of this section of roadway is approximately 3.6 miles.

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5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF QUITCLAIM DEED BETWEEN CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONVEYING A PORTION OF THE COUNTY'S INTEREST IN THE SOUTHCHASE PROPERTY IN ORDER TO FACILITATE GDOT'S CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY NEEDED FOR THE COMPLETION OF PHASE V OF THE TRUMAN PARKWAY.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve the quitclaim deed between Chatham County and the Georgia Department of Transportation conveying a portion of the County's interest in the Southchase property in order to facilitate GDOT's condemnation of property needed for the completion of Phase V of the Truman Parkway. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-5
AGENDA DATE: June 27, 2008

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

ISSUE:

To provide quitclaim deed between Chatham County, Georgia and the Georgia Department of Transportation ("GDOT") conveying a portion of the County's interest the Southchase property in order to facilitate the GDOT's condemnation of property needed for the completion of Phase V of the Truman Parkway.

BACKGROUND:

In 1995, Chatham County used SPLOST funds to purchase from SS Partnership 20.17 acres of property known as the Southchase Tract located on Abercorn Street Extension, Savannah, Georgia for construction of the Phase V of the Truman Parkway. In addition, Chatham County is a member of the Southchase Property Owners' Association which owns easement interests in the access road.

The GDOT needs to acquire portions of the County's interest in the Southchase property to facilitate completion of Phase V of the Truman Parkway. The GDOT also needs to acquire the Southchase Property Owners' Association ("POA") easement interests in a portion of the Southchase property. The GDOT's efforts to purchase the portion POA's interests needed for Phase V have failed. Therefore GDOT must file a condemnation petition to acquire the property. However, by law, the GDOT may not acquire the County's interest in the Southchase property via condemnation.

bargain, sell and quitclaim unto Grantee, its heirs, successors, and assigns, all its interest, title and rights in the following described property, to wit:

All that land, lying and being in the Sixth Georgia Militia District of Chatham County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

Required Right of Way: 0.684 Acres (Total)

Tract 1:

BEGINNING at a point located 65.03 feet left of and opposite SR 204/Abercorn Street Construction Centerline Station 1+461.399, said point being also located at the intersection of the north existing right of way line of SR 204 and the Grantor's west property line; thence, N 65° 39' 24" E along said west property line a distance of 26.15 feet to a point; thence, S 74° 18' 13" E continuing along said west property line a distance of 16.81 feet to a point; thence, N 49° 29' 27" E continuing along said west property line a distance of 34.49 feet to a point; thence, N 18° 30' 22" E continuing along said west property line a distance of 47.61 feet to a point; thence, S 71° 30' 33" E a distance of 86.34 feet to a point located on the Grantor's east property line; thence, S 18° 26' 59" W along said east property line a distance of 44.28 feet to a point; thence, S 8° 10' 28" E continuing along said east property line a distance of 32.93 feet to a point; thence, S 73° 21' 35" E continuing along said east property line a distance of 19.55 feet to a point; thence, S 21° 32' 12" E continuing along said east property line a distance of 29.68 feet to a point located at the intersection of said east property line and the north existing right of way line of SR 204/Abercorn Street; thence 71° 30' 05" W along said north existing right of way line a distance of 193.51 feet back to said POINT OF BEGINNING.

Tract 2:

BEGINNING at a point located 64.90 feet left of and opposite SR 204/Abercorn Street Construction Centerline Station 1+686.449, said point being also located at the intersection of the north existing right of way line of SR 204/Abercorn Street and the Grantor's west property line; thence, northeasterly along a curved line along said west property line an arc distance of 109.955 feet to a point; thence, N 14° 05' 23" E continuing along said west property line a distance of 148.38 feet to a point; thence, N 28° 44' 13" W continuing along said west property line a distance of 22.07 feet to a point; thence, N 71° 28' 33" W continuing along said west property line a distance of 117.90 feet to a point; thence, northwesterly continuing along said west property line along a curved line an arc distance of 9.315 feet to a point; thence, N 18° 25' 11" E continuing along said west property line a distance of 35.01 feet to a point located at the intersection of the Grantor's west and north property lines; thence, southeasterly along said north property line along a curved line an arc distance of 9.378 feet to a point; thence, S 71° 28' 40" E continuing along said north property line a distance of 87.91 feet to a point; thence, S 71° 28' 30" E continuing along said north property line a distance of 87.18 feet to a point located at the intersection of the Grantor's north and east property lines; thence, S 14° 99' 26" W along said east property line a distance of 204.04 feet to a point; thence, southwesterly continuing along said east property line along a curved line an arc distance of 104.488 feet to a point located at the intersection of the Grantor's east property line and the north existing right of way line of SR 204/Abercorn Street; thence, N 71° 30' 02" W along said north existing right of way line a distance of 185.34 feet back to said POINT OF BEGINNING. Said areas described consist of 0.684 acres, more or less, and are shown in yellow on plat (Dated May 15, 2005; revised February 12, 2008) attached hereto and made part of this description.

Required Easement: 344.56 Square Feet

EASEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE OF SLOPES

BEGINNING at a point located 16.92 feet right of and opposite the Main Access Road Construction Centerline Station 200+015.328; thence, northerly to a point located 18.10 feet left of and opposite said Construction Centerline Station 200+015.316; thence, easterly to a point located 18.22

feet left of and opposite said Construction Centerline Station 200+018.325; thence, southerly to a point located 16.80 feet right of and opposite said Construction Centerline Station 200+018.319; thence, westerly back to said POINT OF BEGINNING. Said area described consists of 344.56 square feet and is shown in green on plat (Dated May 15, 2005; revised February 12, 2008) attached hereto and made part of this description.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said property, together with all and singular the rights, members, hereditament, improvements, easements, and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining (collectively the "Premises"), unto Grantee, its heirs, executors, and assigns, so that neither Grantor, nor its successors and assigns nor any person or persons claiming under it shall have, claim, or demand any right to the above-described property, or its appurtenances. By executing this document, Grantor does not waive its rights to receive just compensation for the acquisition.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has caused these presents to be executed by its duly authorized officers and its seal affixed hereto on the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered

this ____ day of _____,

2008, in the presence of: THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY

Witness

BY: _____(L.S.)
Pete Liakakis, Chairman

Notary Public

ATTEST: _____(L.S.)
(TITLE)

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6. REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY FAIR HOUSING COUNCIL, INC., AND APPROVE A RELATED DISBURSEMENT OF \$20,000.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to authorize the Chairman to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Savannah-Chatham County Fair Housing Council, Inc., and approve a related disbursement of \$20,000. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

**SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY FAIR HOUSING COUNCIL, INC.
AND
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

This partnership agreement is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2008, by and between Savannah-Chatham County Fair Housing Council, Inc. (hereinafter called SCFHC), and the Chatham County Commission (hereinafter called the Commission).

The **Savannah-Chatham County Fair Housing Council (SCFHC)** is a **nonprofit** organization that began in 1994. The mission of the organization is to provide all Savannah and Chatham County citizens, within the constitutional limitations, fair housing services that will result in the protection of equal housing opportunity from discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, religion, familial status or disability. Members and staff of the Council have taken a leadership role in eradicating housing discrimination in our community.

The **Chatham County Commission** is an **elected body** consisting of a chairman and eight district commissioners. Chatham County operates under the Commission-Manager Plan of local government. The Board of Commissioners makes policy, adopts laws, sets budget limits, sets tax rates and hears

zoning cases. The Board appoints a county manager who serves as the chief administrative officer to carry out the policies and handle day-to-day responsibilities. The Board has expressed a desire that all citizens should enjoy equal housing opportunity, and has indicated their support to enter into a contract with the SCFHC to ensure that citizens of Chatham County are informed of the programs, services, and activities which protect their rights. In order to achieve mutual interests, SCFHC and the Commission are entering into a purchase of services contract to collaborate efforts to combat discriminatory housing practices in Chatham County.

This document will serve as a purchase of service agreement between SCFHC and the County. The two organizations agree to the following:

Savannah-Chatham County Fair Housing Council, Inc. (SCFHC) agrees to:

- Acknowledge the support of the Chatham County Commission in their advertisements;
- Provide fair housing videos and public service announcements to air on the Chatham County Commission Government Channel;
- Provide training and on-going technical assistance on fair housing issues to Chatham County citizens;
- Investigate discriminatory housing practices referred by Chatham County staff and Board members; and
- Provide such records, including but not limited to financial and programmatic activity reports as County staff require to assess effectiveness and compliance with this agreement.

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners agree to:

- Provide \$20,000 in funding for operating costs;
- Promote SCFHC events and activities during "Fair Housing Month" in April;
- Air fair housing videos and public service announcements (PSA's) on the cable network-Chatham County Government Channel;
- Display the SCFHC logo, periodically, and include a voice-over announcement from the Chair; and
- Refer potential victims of housing discrimination to SCFHC.

Terms of Agreement

This agreement will remain in effect for one (1) year or until modified or canceled by both parties. Either party may terminate this agreement with a 30 day notice.

David Wayne Dawson, Jr., Executive Director
Savannah-Chatham County Fair Housing Council, Inc.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Sybil E. Tillman, County Clerk

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

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
A. Sign sheeting material	Public Works and Park Services	American Traffic Safety Materials	\$10,687	SSD - Public Works

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
B. Annual maintenance on scheduling software	Public Works and Park Services	Cartegraph System, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$16,500	SSD - Public Works
C. Change Order No. 5 to the annual contract to provide various paper and chemical supplies for the various departments to recognize manufacturer imposed price increases	Various	Paper Chemical Supply Company (WBE)	Varies by item	•General Fund/M&O - Various •SSD - Various
D. Mitel telephone equipment upgrade and network link licenses	I.C.S.	Mitel Networks, Inc. (State Contract)	\$34,365	General Fund/M&O - Communications
E. Four (4) scanners	Probate Court	Florida Micro	\$12,435	General Fund/M&O - Probate Court
F. Five (5) scanners	Superior Court Clerk	Florida Micro	\$15,542	General Fund/M&O - Superior Court Clerk
G. 23 computers	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing (State Contract)	\$25,346	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
H. 14 laptop computers	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing (State Contract)	\$32,061	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
I. Six (6) laptop computers	Finance	Dell Marketing (State Contract)	\$13,476	General Fund/M&O - Finance
J. Novell maintenance and license agreement	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing (State Contract)	\$71,202	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
K. Fill material for State Route 307/ Dean Forest Road drainage project	Engineering	A.D.R.S. Services, Inc.	\$31,000	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Hardin Canal Drainage project
L. Annual price agreements for the purchase of various mosquito control chemicals	Mosquito Control	•Adapco, Inc. •B & G Chemical and Equipment •Clarke Mosquito Control Products •Univar USA	Varies by item	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
M. HVAC upgrade for the Data Room at the Sheriff's complex	Sheriff	Boaen Mechanical Contractor, Inc.	\$102,788	CIP - Sheriff's Complex
N. Tables, table dollies, chairs and chair dollies	Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum	Bidlo Associates	\$16,278	Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum (No additional County funds required)
O. Memorandum of Agreement for mosquito and wild bird testing for West Nile virus and other mosquito borne diseases	Mosquito Control	University of Georgia Research Foundation, Inc.	Not to Exceed \$45,000	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control (Pending Board approval of FY2009 budget)
P. Extend on a "month to month" basis, for annual generating lease of office space located in the Courthouse Annex	Court Administrator	First Judicial Administrative District	\$603.16 per month	Revenue Producing
Q. Reject all bids for custodial services	Facilities Maintenance	N/A	N/A	N/A
R. Agreement for the first phase of the Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant project	I.C.S.	Motorola, Inc.	\$2,020,904	Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant project

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
S. Purchase and installation of a fire sprinkler system for the sallyport and basement holding cells	Special Projects	Champion Fire Protection (Sole Source)	\$119,600	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Courthouse Construction
T. Renew Workers' Compensation Excess insurance	Finance	Midwest Employers Casualty	\$69,861	Risk Management Internal Service Fund
U. Change Order No. 4 to the design contract for the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum addition for additional time to complete the project	Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum	Goode Van Slyke Architecture	Not to Exceed \$7,260	Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum (No additional County funds required)
V. One (1) Ford Crown Victoria sedan	Tax Commissioner	J.C. Lewis Ford	\$22,600	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
W. Two (2) Ford pickup trucks	Parks and Recreation	J.C. Lewis Ford	\$36,485	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
X. One (1) used Ford sedan	Assessor	Fairway Lincoln Mercury	\$12,500	General Fund/M&O - Assessor
Y. One (1) Ford Crown Victoria sedan	District Attorney	J.C. Lewis Ford	\$22,600	General Fund/M&O - District Attorney
Z. One (1) JCB backhoe loader	Sheriff	Low Country Machinery	\$46,938	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff
AA. Two (2) video conferencing systems	Court Administrator	Stagefront Presentations	\$42,150	General Fund/M&O - Court Administrator
BB. Authorize first scope of services to the contract for management engineering services for Superior Court Clerk and Administrative Services	Human Resources	TATC Consulting	\$47,980	No additional funding required
CC. Professional services contract to provide "as needed" and "as required" computer technical assistance	Assessor	Gary Deariso	\$50 per hour	General Fund/M&O - Assessor
DD. Extend the annual contract for one (1) additional year to provide gasoline and diesel fuel	Various	•Sommers Oil •Barrett Oil	Varies by usage	•General Fund/M&O - Various •SSD - Various

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve Items 7-A through 7-DD, both inclusive. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-7 A thru DD
AGENDA DATE: 27 JUNE 2008

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THRU: R.E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER

**FROM: MICHAEL A. KAIGLER, DIRECTOR
HUMAN RESOURCES & SERVICES**

SUBJECT: AWARD OF BIDS

ITEM A

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$10,687 purchase of sheeting material from American Traffic Safety Materials for Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: The sign shop of Public Works and Park Services is responsible for signage required by the County on public streets and roadways and at public facilities.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Public Works is responsible for installing all new and replacement of all damaged traffic, direction, street and a wide variety of other types of signage.
2. It is necessary to maintain an inventory of materials from which to fabricate all types of signs, particularly those on public streets and roadways.
3. Staff has requested pricing from the following vendors. Responses are as follows:

American Traffic Safety Materials Orange Park, FL	\$10,687
Vulcan Signs Foley, AL	\$11,345
Tapco Traffic and Parking Elm Grove, WI	NO BID
4. Staff believes the total cost of \$10,687 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: SSD - Public Works
(2704100 - 53.17009)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$10,687 purchase of sheeting material from American Traffic Safety Materials for Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases that serve to protect public health and safety.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$16,500 sole source annual maintenance for CALLDirector/WORKDirector system from Cartegraph System, Inc. for Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: For the last five years, Public Works and Park Services have been able to respond to a citizen generated work request. Due to the incorporation of a software program through which citizen work calls are recorded, work is scheduled and the scheduled work is then tracked through to completion.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Public Works is responsible for responding to a wide variety of work requests throughout the community. This purchase will continue to keep the County's public infrastructure in good repair via a program of routine maintenance.
2. In 1999, in order to be able to accurately record, schedule and track work requests, Public Works and Park Services purchased the Cartegraph software programs. It has allowed staff to increase responsiveness and decrease the lag time in scheduling work requests.
3. Cartegraph System, Inc. provides maintenance support for both portions of the operational system that has become vital to the functioning of Public Works and Park Services in responding to citizens. Cartegraph Systems, Inc. is the sole source provider for the maintenance of this product.

- Staff believes that the total cost of \$16,500 for the annual maintenance to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: SSD - Public Works
(2704100 - 52.39001)

ALTERNATIVES:

- Board approval of the \$16,500 sole source annual maintenance for CALLDirector/WORKDirector system from Cartegraph System, Inc. for Public Works and Park Services.
- Provide staff with other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases that help promote the maintenance of public infrastructure and assist citizens in successfully accessing government services.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval to issue Change Order No. 5 to the Annual Contract with Paper Chemical Supply Company, of Savannah Georgia to provide various paper and chemical supplies for various departments within Chatham County to recognize manufacturer's imposed price increases.

BACKGROUND: On 11 May 2007, the Board approved the award of an annual contract with automatic renewal's options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Paper Chemical Supply Company.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- Paper Chemical Supply Company has recently provided a notification of price changes associated with the manufacturer imposed price increases due to the escalating costs in energy, transportation, packaging and raw material. As a result it has raised the price of the items listed below. Paper Chemical Supply Company has provided documentation to support the manufacturer's price increases.
- Staff believes Paper Chemical Supply Company's request for the County to contractually recognize the manufacturer's price increases to be fair and reasonable.
- New price will be as follows:

Item:	Description	Old Price	New Price
1.	IBS-S386017NS, 38 x 60 17 Micron Can Liners 8 x 25/ case	\$ 25.58	\$ 28.90
31.	APM-115, 1 ply 1000 Sheet Toilet Tissue 96/ case	\$33.40	\$ 36.80
61.	Styrofoam Cups		
	DCI-8J8 8 oz. Cups 1000/cs	\$ 15.78	\$ 17.38
	DCI-10J10 10 oz. Cups 1000/cs	\$ 19.60	\$ 21.98
	DCI-12J12 12 oz. Cups 1000/cs	\$ 21.84	\$ 24.70
	DCI-16J16 16 oz. Cups 1000/cs	\$ 31.55	\$ 35.24

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Various
SSD- Various

ALTERNATIVES:

- Board approval to issue Change Order No. 5 to the Annual Contract with Paper Chemical Supply Company, of Savannah Georgia to provide various paper and chemical supplies for various departments within Chatham County to recognize manufacturer's imposed price increases.
- Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve change orders for documented material price increases when they are initiated by the manufacturer.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$34,365 purchase, off the GSA contract, for Mitel telephone equipment upgrade and network link licenses for T-1's from Mitel Networks, Inc., for the I.C.S. department.

BACKGROUND: The County's older telephone equipment used to join the phone systems at various locations is outdated. The current equipment is no longer in production and repair parts are not available.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. The purchase of three (3) Mitel 3300 Mxe II with software and necessary hardware will enable all sites to direct dial each other without coming back to the Montgomery Street location.
- 2. In addition, this will allow the County to update to Voice over IP telephones at all locations at a later date.
- 4. Staff believes the pricing offered on the GSA contract, \$34,365, is fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M & O - Communications Dept.
(1001536 - 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of the \$34,365 purchase, off the GSA contract, for Mitel telephone equipment upgrade and network link licenses for T-1's from Mitel Networks, Inc., for the I.C.S. department.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary equipment for the using departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$12,435 purchase of four (4) Canon DR-5010C scanners from Florida Micro for Probate Court.

BACKGROUND: These scanners will enable Probate Court to begin implementation of the document imaging program.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. These scanners are needed in order to scan documents and are currently being used by other County departments.
- 2. Staff obtained pricing from the following vendors:

Florida Micro Del Ray Beach, FL	\$12,435
GHA Phoenix, AZ	\$12,700
Atlas Computer Boca Raton, FL	\$15,716
- 3. Staff believes the total cost of \$12,435 for four (4) scanners is fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M & O - Probate Court
(1002450 - 54.25001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$12,435 purchase of four (4) Canon DR-5010C scanners from Florida Micro for Probate Court.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary computer related equipment for the using departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$15,542 purchase of five (5) Cannon scanners from Florida Micro for Superior Court Clerk's office.

BACKGROUND: These scanners will be used in the new record's center located in Garden City.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. These scanners are necessary components for the operational standards set by the Clerk of Superior Court for the proper archiving and maintenance of records for office and public use.
2. In addition, the purchase of these scanners is a key component for the plan for disaster recovery.
3. Staff obtained pricing from the following vendors:

Florida Micro Del Ray Beach, FL	\$15,542
GHA Phoenix, AZ	\$15,875
Atlas Computer Boca Raton, FL	\$18,145
4. Staff believes the total cost of \$15,542 for five (5) scanners is fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M & O - Superior Court Clerk
(1002180-54.24002)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$15,542 purchase of five (5) Cannon scanners from Florida Micro for Superior Court Clerk's office.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary equipment for the using departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$25,346 purchase of 23 replacement computers, off the State of Georgia contract pricing, from Dell Marketing for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: These computers will replace older models that are currently being used by I.C.S. staff. Once replaced, the older computers will replace some of the outdated computers in the I.C.S. training room. The remainder will become spare computers that can be used to replace non-repairable computers that are needed at various departments.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. I.C.S. has recommended standardization to Dell computers for County departments. Pricing was obtained from Dell Marketing, Atlanta, GA, and is keeping with same type systems throughout the County. Dell Marketing has the State of Georgia contract on these computers. Staff obtained pricing of \$1,102 each for 23 computers. Total cost the computers is \$25,346.
- 2. The systems consist of Dual processors, 4gb ram, dual 256mb video card, dual CD & DVD read/writer, Windows Vista Business and five (5) year next business day warranties on the computers.
- 3. Staff believes the State of Georgia total contract price of \$25,346 is fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M & O - Communications
(1001536 - 54.25001)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of the \$25,346 purchase of 23 replacement computers, off the State of Georgia contract pricing, from Dell Marketing for I.C.S.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary computer related equipment for the using departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$32,061 purchase for 14 replacement laptops, off the State of Georgia contract pricing, from Dell Marketing for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: These laptops will replace older models that are now being used by I.C.S. staff. Once replaced, the older laptops will be substituted for any outdated laptops and will serve as loaners to other county departments.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. These laptops operate at quicker speeds for the I.C.S. staff and are sized more appropriately for their use in the computer room. Existing larger laptops will go to users who do not need the mobility that technical staff needs.
- 2. I.C.S. has recommended standardization to Dell laptops for County departments. Pricing was obtained from Dell Marketing, Atlanta, GA, and is keeping with same type systems throughout the County. Dell Marketing has the State of Georgia contract on these laptops. Total cost for 14 laptops with different configurations is \$32,061.
- 3. The systems are comprised of Dual processors, 2 and 4gb ram depending on model, DVD read/writer, Windows Vista Ultimate and four (4) year next business day on site with complete care warranties on the laptops.
- 4. Staff believes the State of Georgia total contract price of \$32,061 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M & O - I.C.S.
(1001535 - 54.25001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$32,061 purchase for 14 replacement laptops, off the State of Georgia contract pricing, from Dell Marketing for I.C.S.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary computer related equipment for the using departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM I

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$13,476 purchase of six (6) Dell laptops, off the State of Georgia contract pricing, from Dell Marketing for the Finance Department.

BACKGROUND: These laptops can be used by Finance on a daily basis and they can replace existing desktop computers. In case of an emergency or disaster, they will be ready to use at the Mosquito Control disaster recovery site.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. These laptops can replace existing desktop computers and still be used as mobile units as needed during an emergency. These will be used by Accounts Payable, Budget Staff, Risk Manager, Finance Director and Payroll.
2. I.C.S. has recommended standardization to Dell laptops for County departments. I.C.S. staff set these laptops as standard for use by any department intending to purchase for disaster recovery. Dell Marketing has the State of Georgia contract on these laptops. Total cost for six (6) laptops with different configurations is \$13,476.
3. The systems are comprised of Dual processors, 4gb ram, wireless capability, DVD read/writer, docking stations, monitor stands, 19" external monitors, wireless keyboards and mouse. Windows Vista Ultimate and five (5) year next business day on site warranties are included on the equipment.
4. Staff believes the State of Georgia total contract price of \$13,476 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M & O - Finance
(1001510 - 54.25001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of the \$13,476 purchase of six (6) Dell laptops, off the State of Georgia contract pricing, from Dell Marketing for the Finance Department.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary computer related equipment for the using departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM J

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$71,202 sole source Novell Maintenance and License Agreement (MLA) from Dell Marketing for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: This (MLA) provides the County with technical support, upgrade protection and reduced pricing for additional licenses. This software runs the County's data network, provides E-mail, file services, logins, directory service and authentication.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. State Purchasing awarded a sole source contract through a competitive process based on requirements and specifications of the Georgia Technology Authority. The contractor must also meet Novell's audit requirements.
- 2. Dell Marketing, L.P. quoted staff a total cost of \$71,202. This price reflects a decrease over last year's maintenance cost. The decrease is attributed to the change in how we pay for new licenses. The burden now falls upon each department to purchase new licenses throughout the year, instead of I.C.S paying for these licenses with the annual renewal. This maintenance period is for 1 July 2008 through 30 June 2009.
- 3. Staff believes the cost of \$71,202 is fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M & O - I.C.S
(1001535 - 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of the \$71,202 sole source Novell Maintenance and License Agreement (MLA) from Dell Marketing for I.C.S.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary maintenance agreements for County computer equipment.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM K

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$31,000 sole-source purchase of fill material for the State Route 307 / Dean Forest Road drainage project from A.D.R.S. Services Inc.

BACKGROUND: The Hardin Canal Drainage Improvement Project is a part of the 1998-2003 SPLOST. The project will include the construction of new culverts under Dean Forest Road to provide for improved drainage for the Southbridge area.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. The existing drainage pipes are undersized. The project will replace the existing storm sewer pipes with arched culverts and will create a new alignment along Dean Forest Road.
- 2. Construction work will not begin until the Summer of 2009. This work is being done prior to the construction of the new culverts to provide a staging area for construction and to address wetlands impacts prior to expiration of the permit.
- 3. The construction work was done by Task Order Contract . The contract provides equipment rental services and was not intended to be used for material reimbursements.
- 4. The borrow site allows for only a seven (7) mile round trip. With all borrow sites charging the same fees, this site provides a cost savings because of the shortest hauling distance involved.

FUNDING: SPLOST (1998 - 2003) - Hardin Canal Drainage Project
(3224250 - 52.12003 - 32280225)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$31,000 sole-source purchase of fill material for the State Route 307 / Dean Forest Road drainage project from A.D.R.S. Services Inc.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the award of sole source expenditures.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM L

ISSUE: Request Board approval of annual price agreements for the purchase of various chemicals, in the forms of liquid, pellets and granules from Adapco, Inc, B & G Chemical and Equipment Co., Inc., Clarke Mosquito Control Products, and Univar USA for Chatham County Mosquito Control.

BACKGROUND: These chemicals are time release growth regulators used in the mosquito control program.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Pricing quotations require the vendors to commit to holding firm the price for the purchase of the chemicals for a period of one (1) year.
2. The following vendors submitted quotes (see matrix for pricing on pages 33-34):

Adapco, Inc.
Sanford, FL

B&G Chemicals & Equipment Co., Inc.
Madison, FL

Clarke Mosquito Control Products
Roselle, IL

Univar USA
Mars Hills, NC

3. Staff has recommended the four (4) vendors for the purchase of the various types of Altosid. The pricing offered by the four (4) vendors is the manufacturer fixed cost. Awarding to the four (4) vendors will enable staff to purchase from the vendor that would have the quickest delivery and would give staff several backup vendors for purchase.

FUNDING: General Fund/M & O - Mosquito Control
(1005144 - 53.17009)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of annual price agreements for the purchase of various chemicals, in the forms of liquid, pellets and granules from Adapco, Inc, Univar, Inc., Clarke Mosquito Control Products, and Univar USA for Chatham County Mosquito Control.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve price agreements for essential and safe chemical products which control the mosquito population in Chatham County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM M

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$102,788 contract to Boen Mechanical Contractor, Inc., for the HVAC upgrade for the Data Room at the Sheriff's Complex.

BACKGROUND: The Sheriff's Complex computer / data room contains computer servers, telephone server and computer databases. The computer and telephone servers provide the Complex's personnel and I.C.S. personnel access for network administration and phone system maintenance. All of the equipment contained within this area generates a high volume of heat. It is necessary to keep cool air circulating to prevent the equipment from overheating. If allowed to overheat, it would result in the loss of computer and telephone access throughout the Complex, virtually rendering the Complex inoperable as well as affecting the ability of the Courts and other agencies to access needed data. The high temperatures makes it unbearable for staff to remain in the data room for extended periods of time to perform day-to-day operational tasks.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Rosser International, Inc. was contracted as the mechanical consultant to provide the design/engineering plans and specifications for the HVAC upgrade for the data room.
2. This project was properly advertised and two (2) bids were received and opened 17 June 2008. The bids are as follows:

Boen Mechanical Contractor, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$102,788
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Southeastern Air Conditioning Co, Inc. Garden City, GA	No Bid
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3. Staff believes the bid from Boen Mechanical Contractor, Inc. to be fair and reasonable. Boen Mechanical Contractor, Inc. has been contracted for several other HVAC projects at the Sheriff's Complex with excellent results.

FUNDING: CIP - Sheriff's Complex
(3503300 - 54.13009 - 3503017Z)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$102,788 contract to Boen Mechanical Contractor, Inc., for the HVAC upgrade for the Data Room at the Sheriff's Complex.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM N

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$16,278 purchase of tables, table dollies, chairs, and chair dollies from Bidlo Associates for the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum Addition Project.

BACKGROUND: The project includes an 8,000 square foot addition to the existing museum building.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The addition includes a multi-function space that has a banquet seating capacity of approximately 300 people.
2. The space can be used for conferences, community meetings, receptions and other types of gatherings.
3. The requested furnishings will enable the immediate use of the space by the museum upon completion of the construction.

4. Staff obtained pricing from the following vendors. Responses are as follows:

	Bidlo Associates Savannah, GA	\$16,278
*	VIP Office Savannah, GA	\$16,867
	Staples Office Savannah, GA	\$19,130
	*WBE firm	

5. Staff believes the total cost of \$16,278 for the tables, table dollies, chairs, and chair dollies is fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum Project Fund in the amount of \$16,278 (No additional County funds required)

ALTERNATIVES:

- Board approval of the \$16,278 purchase of tables, table dollies, chairs, and chair dollies from Bidlo Associates for the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum Addition Project.
- Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The museum addition project includes the introduction of a multi-purpose space with the banquet seating capacity of approximately 300 persons. The purchase of tables and chairs will enable the museum to utilize the space immediately upon completion of the construction.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM O

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a Memorandum of Agreement between the University of Georgia Research Foundation, Inc. and Chatham County to provide testing of mosquitoes and wild birds for the detection of West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne diseases. Concurrently, request Board approval to spend up to \$45,000 in FY 2008/2009 for mosquito and wild bird testing by the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study.

BACKGROUND: West Nile virus was first discovered in Chatham County in 2001 and a significant outbreak of human cases occurred in 2003. Knowledge of virus transmission activity is vital to strike a balance between economic savings and protecting public health. This information allowed an 82% reduction in pesticide use, by volume, comparing 2005 to 2006, and justified an increase in control operations that prevented human cases of disease in 2007.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- Chatham County Mosquito Control conducts surveillance to measure mosquito-borne disease activity, make operational decisions, and minimize human disease risk.
- Since its discovery in Chatham County in 2001, there has been measurable West Nile virus activity every year except 2005.
- The Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study (SCWDS), under a federal grant, tested mosquitoes and wild birds for Chatham County at no cost until 2007. The information gained is essential to make operational decisions, but Chatham County must now pay for the service.
- SCWDS and the University of Georgia require a Memorandum of Agreement to hire staff and procure materials and supplies to maintain the mosquito and bird testing service.
- Historically, staff has submitted between 2,000 and 3,000 samples of disease carrying mosquitoes and birds. Staff can guarantee a minimum of 2,300 samples for SCWDS planning purposes. Additional samples, above the 2,300 commitment, can be submitted if necessary.
- Mosquito control requested \$45,000 in the 2008/2009 budget for testing by SCWDS to cover the minimum Memorandum of Agreement charge and allow for additional testing, if needed. The

minimum charge under the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement is \$37,950. The individual sample charge is \$16.50.

7. The County Attorney and the Finance Director have reviewed the Memorandum of Agreement and find no problem in executing the Agreement.

FUNDING: General Fund/M & O Mosquito Control (pending Board approval of FY 2009 budget)
(1005144 - 52.11001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the University of Georgia Research Foundation, Inc. and Chatham County to allow staff to test mosquitoes and wild birds for the presence of mosquito-borne diseases. Allow staff to spend up to \$45,000, including \$37,950 for the minimum commitment under the Memorandum of Agreement.
2. Approve only the Memorandum of Agreement between the University of Georgia Research Foundation, Inc. and Chatham County and restrict the funding commitment to \$37,950 to cover the minimum cost of the Agreement.
3. Disapprove the Memorandum of Agreement and disallow any expenditures for mosquito-borne disease testing. Require staff to conduct mosquito control operations based on mosquito collections numbers only without measurable information on disease transmission activity.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is the policy of the Board of Commissioners to support environmentally sound, cost effective mosquito control activities.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM P

ISSUE: Request Board approval to extend, on a "month to month" basis, the annual revenue generating lease of approximately 517 square feet of office space in the Courthouse Annex, to the First Judicial Administrative District, a division of the Judicial Council of Georgia, at a monthly cost of \$604.

BACKGROUND: On 23 July 2001, the Board approved an annual revenue generating lease agreement to the First Judicial Administrative District, a division of the Judicial Council of Georgia, to rent approximately 517 sq. ft. of office space located in the Chatham County Courthouse Annex.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The First Judicial Administrative District has requested to extend their current lease, on a "month to month" basis until "Master Plan" renovations of the Courthouse Annex are completed.
2. On 9 July 2004, in order to remain consistent with the lease amount paid by Recorder's Court for rental space in the Judicial Courthouse and the current market rates for office rental space located in the "Downtown" area, the Board approved a 40% rate increase, in the amount of \$14 per square foot, which raised the monthly lease revenue amount to \$604 per month, for a total annual cost of \$7,238.
3. The First Judicial Administrative District has agreed to the "month to month" extension, with all prices, terms and conditions remaining the same.

FUNDING: N/A- Revenue Producing

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to extend, on a "month to month" basis, the annual revenue generating lease of approximately 517 square feet of office space in the Courthouse Annex, to the First Judicial Administrative District, a division of the Judicial Council of Georgia, at a monthly cost of \$604.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide essential office space at a fair market cost to state and judicial entities.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM Q

ISSUE: Request Board approval to reject all bids for custodial services as non-responsive and the extension on all current contracts for three (3) months to allow for rebidding.

BACKGROUND: On 22 May 2008, 11 bids were received for downtown County administrative offices and the Judicial Courthouse.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Bids were properly advertised and mailed to known service providers. Eleven responses were received and evaluated. The areas include: Judicial Courthouse, "Old" Courthouse, Courthouse Annex, CNT, and Public Defender's Office.
2. Due to the inconsistencies of responses and the disparity in the cost analysis between low and high bidders, staff would like to rebid. An example, the low bidder and the high bidder, when the costs were evaluated, would owe the County money at the end of the contract based on their responses.
3. Staff does not feel justified to accept the lowest bid which could set the small business for failure. A meeting will be held with all responders to explain the process and clarify any areas of misunderstanding.

FUNDING: No funding required at this time

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to reject all bids for custodial services as non-responsive and the extension on all current contracts for three (3) months to allow for rebidding.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to reject bids that are non-responsive.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM R

ISSUE: Request Board approval to enter into an agreement with Motorola Inc. for the first phase of the Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) grant project.

BACKGROUND: On 24 August 2007, the Board authorized staff to apply for funding to provide an upgrade to the existing radio system and to expand the system to other counties in coastal Georgia.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. On 11 April 2008, Governor Perdue notified Chatham County that it would be granted \$7,711,808 in PSIC funds to enhance and expand the Public Safety Radio System.
2. The first activity under the grant is to establish a Project 25 Master Site which will serve all the participating jurisdictions in the Southeast Georgia Regional Radio Network (SEGARRN).
3. The negotiated contract price for the Master Site is \$2,020,904.
4. The match required for this disbursement is \$404,181. over a period of 14 months.
5. The cash match of \$60,627, due 25 July 2008, is available in the Communications Budget.
6. The total match for this procurement will be shared by the City of Savannah and Chatham County. The remaining County share \$141,463 will most likely be met by other jurisdictions purchasing items for the Radio System.

FUNDING: Multiple Grant Fund - PSIC Grant Project
(2501535 - 54.25005 - 25023970)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Authorize the Chairman to execute a purchase agreement with Motorola Inc for an Astro 25 Regional Master Radio Site.
2. Decline to participate in the PSIC grant program.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The Commission has been very supportive of interoperable communications for public safety.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM S

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$119,600 sole source contract for the purchase and installation of a fire sprinkler system for the new Courthouse sallyport and basement holding cells.

BACKGROUND: As part of the Courthouse renovation project, construction includes a new sallyport for inmate processing and holding cells in the basement.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The fire sprinkler system must interconnect to the existing fire sprinkler system which serves the Courthouse. For this reason, staff is proposing a sole source award to Champion Fire Protection, the contractor which installed the updated system in the Courthouse and maintains it.
2. Champion provided a quote to purchase and install the system in the sallyport and holding areas at \$119,600, per the architect's specifications. With the architect, staff has reviewed the breakdown of materials and labor and considers the quote as competitive and reasonable.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - Courthouse Construction
(3234980 - 52.12003 - 32360427)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$119,600 sole source contract for the purchase and installation of a fire sprinkler system for the new Courthouse sallyport and basement holding cells.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: Georgia law and *The Chatham County Purchasing Ordinance and Procedures Manual* provide authority for the Board to award contracts. Sole source awards can be justified when based on a good faith review of available sources, only one can be deemed acceptable. A sole source award can be justified based on the need to integrate the same system for a critical life safety component.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM T

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the renewal of Workers' Compensation Excess Insurance for the period 1 July 2008 through 30 June 2009, with Midwest Employers Casualty for a total cost of \$69,861.

BACKGROUND: Since 1990 specific excess insurance has been purchased to fund medical and indemnity (lost wage) expenses that exceed an annual per claim retention. The current annual per claim retention is \$450,000. The County self-funds Workers' Compensation with the assistance of a Third-Party Administrator, Underwriters Group, Inc.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The current carrier, Midwest Employers Casualty Company, is offering a renewal quotation with a \$450,000 per claim retention (same as expiring), with an annual deposit premium of \$69,861. The renewal quotation represents an additional annual premium of \$16,243 when compared to the current year. The increase is attributed to higher annual payroll and increases in claim reserves for several long-term claims.
2. Midwest has also quoted a renewal with a per claim retention of \$500,000 with an annual deposit premium of \$62,927.
3. According to §O.C.G.A. 33-36-7.1(a), effective January 1, 2007 all insurers must assess a 2% premium surcharge to fund an insolvency pool.
4. Safety National Insurance Company quoted a per claim retention of \$450,000 with an annual deposit premium of \$88,830.
5. AIG and ACE Insurance Companies did not provide quotations due to a minimum premium requirement of \$100,000.

FUNDING: Risk Management Internal Service Fund
(6259926 - 51.27008)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Renew with current carrier, Midwest Employers Casualty, with a per claim retention of \$450,000 and an annual deposit premium of \$69,861.
2. Renew with Midwest with a per claim retention of \$500,000 and an annual deposit premium of \$62,927.
3. Discontinue coverage.

POLICY ANALYSIS: Based on the potential for a catastrophic injury or illness, as well as current medical and indemnity costs, Finance considers continuation of coverage essential budget protection.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM U

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order 4 in the not to exceed amount of \$7,260 to the design services contract with Goode Van Slyke Architecture for the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum Addition Project for additional construction administration and site inspections.

BACKGROUND: On 13 February 2004, a Design and Construction Administration Services contract for the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum Addition was awarded to Goode Van Slyke Architecture (GVSA) for the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum Addition Project. The contract amount was \$147,700 and Notice to Proceed was issued on 12 March 2004.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The project substantial completion date was originally established as the beginning of June 2008.
2. GVSA is contracted to provide design and other services for the project, including construction administration and site inspections.
3. Due to construction challenges such as the parking lot redesign and electrical service transfer, the substantial completion date had to be revised.
4. Since the construction challenges were not caused by design consultant and adds time to their services, GVSA is entitled to compensation for that additional time. It has been determined that an additional 30 days is necessary.
5. Contract history:

Original Contract (2-13-04) \$147,700

Change Order 1 (6-23-06)	0
Change Order 2 (10-20-06)	2,500
Change Order 3 (4-13-07)	7,040
Change Order 4 (pending)	<u>7,260</u>
Revised contract amount	\$164,500

FUNDING: Project Fund Contingency. No additional funds are necessary.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order 4 in the not to exceed amount of \$7,260 to the design services contract with Goode Van Slyke Architecture for the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum Addition Project for additional construction administration and site inspections
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve change orders necessary for the completion of design projects.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM V

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$22,600 purchase of a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria replacement vehicle from J.C. Lewis Ford for the Tax Commissioner’s Office.

BACKGROUND: This purchase will replace an older vehicle that is beyond economical repair. (See attached memo on page 35)

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Board previously approved at their 24 August 2007 meeting, annual pricing for the purchase of 2008 Ford Crown Victorias.
2. The low responsive offeror, J.C. Lewis Ford, has agreed to honor the pricing with the same terms and conditions.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$22,600 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M & O - Tax Commissioner
(1001545 - 54.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$22,600 purchase of a replacement vehicle from J.C. Lewis Ford for the Tax Commissioner’s Office.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary vehicles to the using departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM W

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$36,485 purchase of two (2) Ford pickup trucks from J.C. Lewis Ford for Parks and Recreation.

BACKGROUND: The purchase of these two (2) trucks will enhance the coverage on both the eastside and westside of Chatham County. (See attached memo on page 36)

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Board previously approved at their 24 August 2007 meeting, annual pricing for the purchase of 2008 Ford pickup trucks
2. The low responsive offeror, J.C. Lewis Ford, has agreed to honor the pricing with the same terms and conditions.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$36,485 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M & O - Parks and Recreation
(1006100 - 54.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$36,485 purchase of two (2) Ford pickup trucks from J.C. Lewis Ford for Parks and Recreation.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary vehicles to the using departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM X

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$12,500 purchase of one (1) used Ford sedan and authorize the trade-in of a 2002 Ford Escort from Fairway Lincoln Mercury for the Assessor Office.

BACKGROUND: The purchase of this vehicle will replace one that is beyond economic repair. (See attached memo on page 37)

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Staff has a standing request with the local car dealership for "good" used vehicles. When a vehicle is located the dealership contacts Fleet Operations.
2. Fairway Lincoln Mercury informed staff they had a used 2006 Ford Escape. The Fleet Manager and a representative from the Assessor Office believe the total cost of \$12,500 to be fair and reasonable.
3. The cost of the Ford Escape is \$14,700. The trade-in amount offered to Chatham County for the 2002 Ford Escort is \$2,300. The net purchase will be \$12,500.

FUNDING: General Fund/M & O - Assessor
(1001550 - 54.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$12,500 purchase of one (1) used Ford sedan and authorize the trade-in of a 2002 Ford Escort from Fairway Lincoln Mercury for the Assessor's Office.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary vehicles to the using departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM Y

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$22,600 purchase of a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria replacement vehicle from J.C. Lewis Ford for the District Attorney’s office.

BACKGROUND: This purchase will be an additional vehicle for the department. (See attached memo on page 38)

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Board previously approved at their 24 August 2007 meeting, annual pricing for the purchase of 2008 Ford Crown Victorias.
2. The low responsive offeror, J.C. Lewis Ford, has agreed to honor the pricing with the same terms and conditions.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$22,600 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M & O - District Attorney
(1002200 - 54.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$22,600 purchase of a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria replacement vehicle from J.C. Lewis Ford for the District Attorney’s office.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary vehicles to the using departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM Z

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$46,938 purchase for one (1) JCB Backhoe Loader from Low Country Machinery for the Sheriff’s Department.

BACKGROUND: This backhoe will be used to maintain the berms on the Firing Range and drainage concerns located on the property. The berms previously mentioned are substantial mounds of dirt placed behind the targets. Due to safety concerns, it is necessary to move and/or maintain these berms on a regular basis. The backhoe will also be used to maintain the grades of ditches and provide mandatory maintenance cleaning of the vast drainage ditches and outflows located on the property.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The current equipment being used is in constant need of repair; the size and capability of the equipment is inadequate and does not meet the necessary needs or demands placed upon it.
2. Request for Quotes were advertised, mailed and six (6) quotes were received and opened on 17 June 2008. The quotes from qualifying companies are as follows:

Low Country Machinery Pooler, GA	\$46,938
Atlantic Coastal Richmond Hill, GA	\$47,900
Wade Tractor Griffin, GA	\$48,308
Industrial Tractor Ladson, SC	\$52,000
Yancey Brothers Pooler, GA	\$56,769

Tractor & Equipment \$61,100
 Pooler, GA

- Staff believes the quote from Low Country Machinery to be fair and reasonable and meets all specifications.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Sheriff's Department
 (1003300 - 54.25001)

ALTERNATIVES:

- Board approval of the \$46,938 purchase for one (1) JCB Backhoe Loader from Low Country Machinery for the Sheriff's Department.
- Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases to the low responsive and responsible bidder.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
 RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM AA

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$42,150 purchase of two (2) video conferencing systems, with two (2) years service agreement, from Stage Front Presentation Systems for Superior Court.

BACKGROUND: Superior Court is purchasing this new equipment to reduce the number of prisoners that need to be transported to the courthouse in an effort to reduce transport expenses and enhancing security.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- A bid was developed, advertised, and mailed with a pre-bid conference held. Bids were opened on 4 June 2008. Pricing is as follows:

Stage Front Presentation Systems Savannah, GA	\$20,121 each	2 yr. service	\$1,908
Savannah Systems Savannah, GA	\$29,232 each	2 yr. service	\$4,200

- Superior Court wanted two (2) systems, but based on a prior quote and their budget balance, solicited for one system. After the bids were opened with the cost was much less than previously quoted, the Superior Court Administrator is requesting the purchase of two (2) systems.
- Purchasing staff contacted the vendor and they have agreed to add the second system for the same costs. Staff believes the cost is fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M & O - Superior Court Administrator
 (1002100 - 54.25001 - \$40,242)
 (1002100 - 52.22001 - \$1,908)

ALTERNATIVES:

- Board approval of the \$42,150 purchase of two (2) video conferencing systems, with two (2) years service agreement, from Stage Front Presentation Systems for Superior Court.
- Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve technology purchases that improve efficiency and security.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
 GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM BB

ISSUE: Request Board approve the scope of work and fee to evaluate the records management function of the Clerk of Superior Court and Administrative Services Departments as part of the professional services contract with TATC Consulting for Consulting Services to Evaluate Efficiency of Various County Departments (Management Engineering). The fee for this service is \$47,980.

BACKGROUND: On 23 May 2007, the Board approved an "as needed" contract in the amount of not to exceed \$200,000 with TATC Consulting for Consulting Services to Evaluate Efficiency of Various County Departments (Management Engineering).

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The contract with TATC is an "as needed" contract. It is the intent of staff to add certain County departments to be evaluated through the duration of this contract.
2. Staff has requested TATC to determine the most efficient and effective means of the County government to address the document management needs and concerns of the Clerk of Superior Court while also meeting the records management needs of the rest of the County government. Records management staffing level requirements for both departments are to be considered, along with necessary levels of automation and other recommendations TATC feels are appropriate.
3. Staff supplied a request for Scope of Work and Fee proposal to TATC regarding the Clerk of Superior Court and Administrative Services Department. TATC has submitted their Scope of Work with their fee proposal (see attached pages 39-46) for the above mentioned work.
4. The fee for this project is \$47,980. This fee is based on the proposed Scope of Work which requires 364 hours of professional client service time at a blended rate of \$131.81 per hour. Staff feels this fee is fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: No additional funds are necessary.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approve the scope of work and fee to evaluate the records management function of the Clerk of Superior Court and Administrative Services Departments as part of the professional services contract with TATC Consulting for Consulting Services to Evaluate Efficiency of Various County Departments (Management Engineering). The fee for this service is \$47,980.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve additional work to "as needed" professional services contracts.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM CC

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a professional services contract to Gary Deariso to provide CAMA technical and software services for the Chatham County Board of Assessors department.

BACKGROUND: Gary Deariso was with the Chatham County Board of Assessors for five and one half years and provides a valuable source of knowledge. Mr. Deariso has relocated to another city. Chatham County is in the midst of implementing a CAMA conversion contract with ACS and his technical assistance is required on our end. He will only be used on an as-needed basis.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Mr. Deariso will work only when necessary.
2. Under provisions of the contract, Mr. Deariso will provide technical software services and will work under the direct supervision of the Chief Appraiser.
3. Mr. Deariso will be working for \$50 an hour.

FUNDING: General Fund/M & O - Board of Assessors.
(1001550 - 52.11001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval to award a professional services contract to Gary Deariso to provide technical software services for the Board of Assessors department.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide necessary contract programming when necessary.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM DD

ISSUE: Request Board approval to extend for an additional one (1) year term, to the annual contracts with Sommers Oil Company and Barrett Oil Company, both of Savannah, to provide gasoline and diesel fuel for use by various County departments, with all prices, terms and conditions of the contracts remaining the same.

BACKGROUND: On 25 June 2005, the Board awarded annual contracts to Sommers Oil Company and Barrett Oil Company, both of Savannah, to provide gasoline and diesel fuel for various departments and agencies of Chatham County, based on the outcome of a joint solicitation that consolidated the requirements of Chatham County, the City of Savannah, the Savannah Airport Commission, the Savannah-Chatham Board of Education, Tybee Island, Thunderbolt, and the City Bloomingdale. Chatham County acts as the "lead agency" in the annual solicitation process.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Staff developed specifications for the annual solicitation and contacted each of the participating agencies to obtain their current fuel requirements and scope of service revisions. Due to current market conditions, several of the participating agencies expressed an interest in extending the existing contracts, for an additional one (1) year term. County staff concurred.
2. Annual contract prices are always based on the Oil Price Information Service (O.P.I.S.) prices (which vary weekly) at the time of delivery, plus or minus overhead and delivery charges (per gallon), which remains firm for the term of the contract. Competition between offerors is based on overhead and delivery charges since all competing firms use the same O.P.I.S. fuel price prevailing at time of delivery.
3. The total annual estimated fuel requirements for all participants is approximately 3.1 million gallons. Chatham County's usage over the past year was approximately 738,000 gallons.
4. Sommers Oil Company and Barrett Oil Company have agreed to honor their 2005 contracts, for additional one (1) year term, with all prices, terms and conditions of the contracts remaining the same. Staff believes their offers to be reasonable and fair. Previous year contract prices, based on the type of delivery is as follows:

The Sommers Company, Inc.
Savannah, GA

<u>TRANSPORT LOADS (7,000 Gallons or More):</u>	<u>MARK-UP:</u>
Regular Unleaded (Regular Working Hours)	O.P.I.S.+ \$.005/Gallon
Regular Unleaded (Weekend/Holiday)	O.P.I.S.+\$.005/Gallon
Unleaded Premium (Regular Working Hours)	O.P.I.S.- \$.01/Gallon
Unleaded Premium (Weekend/Holiday)	O.P.I.S.- \$.01/Gallon
Mixed Unleaded (Regular Working Hours)	O.P.I.S.- \$.01/Gallon
Mixed Unleaded (Weekend/Holiday)	O.P.I.S.- \$.01/Gallon
L/S Diesel Fuel (Regular Working Hours)	O.P.I.S.+ \$.0125/Gallon
L/S Diesel Fuel (Weekend/Holiday)	O.P.I.S.+ \$.0125/Gallon

Barrett Oil Distributors, Inc.
Savannah, GA

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: June 27, 2008

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>
Flashing to waterproof parking garage	Special Projects	Custom Metal Fabricators, Inc.	\$7,303	SPLOST (2003-2008) - County Courthouse Construction
Furnish and install 192 yards of carpet for 2 nd floor Jury Assembly Room	Facilities Maintenance	A & R Flooring (WBE)	\$4,704	General Fund/M&O - Court Administrator
Remove/Install rubberized roof at Soccer Complex	Facilities Maintenance	SNR Remodeling	\$4,900	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Grout and waterproof holes in water holding tank	Aquatic Center	Ansley & Sutton Construction	\$2,500	General Fund/M&O - Aquatic Center
Annual HVAC maintenance agreement	I.C.S.	Boaen Mechanical	\$4,647	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Assorted sizes of metal for Sign Shop	Public Works	Vulcan Sign	\$6,629	SSD - Public Works
100 units of pre-employment tests	Human Resources	Vangent (Sole Source)	\$4,853	General Fund/M&O - Human Resources
90' curb forms	Public Works	Ram Tool	\$4,149	SSD - Public Works
41 gallons of herbicides and chemicals	Public Works	Lesco Inc.	\$6,999	SSD - Public Works
Grinder parts	Solid Waste	Consolidated Disposal Systems, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$5,281	Solid Waste Management
Soccer officials 05/05 - 05/24	Parks and Recreation	Greater Savannah Soccer Association (Sole Source)	\$4,162	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Two (2) scanners	I.C.S.	Florida Micro	\$6,350	General Fund/M&O - State Court Clerk
One (1) Barracuda networks email archive appliance	I.C.S.	Entre Solutions (MBE)	\$6,150	General Fund/M&O - Communications
Two (2) Xerox laser printers	I.C.S.	DISYS Corporation	\$7,973	General Fund/M&O - Assessor
Engineering services associated with Ogeechee Farms	Engineering	EMC Engineering Services	\$4,600	SPLOST (1998-2003) Ogeechee Farms Drainage
Restoring tile in various areas within the Aquatic Center	Facilities Maintenance	Classic Clean Restoration	\$6,364	General Fund/M&O - Aquatic Center
10,000 custom typeset file folders	District Attorney	Bidlo Associates (Sole Source)	\$4,970	General Fund/M&O - District Attorney
Repair to gate arm and door of attendant shed at the Skidaway Bridge	Public Works	Alloy Industrial Contractor	\$7,254	General Fund/M&O - Bridges
Engineering services to address EPD comments on landfill closure certification	Solid Waste	Harbin Engineering, P.C. (Sole Source)	\$9,500	Solid Waste Management

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Sand for detention pond dam and road to communication tower at the Detention Center	Engineering	ABC Crushing	\$2,500	SPLOST (1993-1998) Jail Expansion
38 office chairs	District Attorney	AllSeating Corporation (State Contract)	\$9,889	General Fund/M&O - District Attorney
Installation of sprinkler system to water recently planted trees	Engineering	Anthony Buttimer	\$6,500	SPLOST (2003-2008) Skidaway Narrows Boat Ramp
Beads for walking program	Weightlifting Center	Cheetah Paws Walking Program (Sole Source)	\$4,600	General Fund/M&O - Weightlifting Center
Three (3) Dell computers	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing (State Contract)	\$3,738	SSD - Building Safety
14 five (5) drawer lateral file cabinets	District Attorney	DesignOptions Holdings, LLC (State Contract)	\$9,993	General Fund/M&O - District Attorney
One (1) Cisco network switch	I.C.S.	Entre Solutions (Sole Source) (MBE)	\$8,016	General Fund/M&O - Communications
Two (2) console servers and one (1) terminal server	I.C.S.	GHA Technologies, Inc.	\$5,536	General Fund/M&O - Communications
One (1) four (4) wheeled utility vehicle for Lake Mayer	Parks and Recreation	Hendrix Machinery	\$7,194	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Eight (8) office chairs	District Attorney	Loewenstein	\$8,217	General Fund/M&O - District Attorney
450 ton of bahama base stone for Wilmington Island Dock	Solid Waste	Martin Marietta Aggregates	\$8,775	Solid Waste
Four (4) software application extender licenses	I.C.S.	Palmetto Microfilm Systems, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$5,712	General Fund/M&O - Probate Court
Four (4) ton of fertilizer for sports fields	Parks and Recreation	Lesco, Inc.	\$2,747	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Install one (1) television, stereo and speakers in fitness room	Aquatic Center	John Hannah	\$2,813	General Fund/M&O - Aquatic Center
One (1) television for computer training room	I.C.S.	Digital Plaza	\$4,360	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
One (1) digital/audio video recorder	Juvenile Court	Business Information Systems	\$5,845	General Fund/M&O - Juvenile Court
One (1) Motorola digital radio	I.C.S.	Motorola Communications	\$7,171	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff
Three (3) Dell laptops	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing	\$5,071	Reimbursable Expenses
Two (2) software application extender licenses	I.C.S.	Palmetto Microfilm Systems	\$2,896	General Fund/M&O - Purchasing
One (1) Canon scanner	I.C.S.	Florida Micro	\$3,108	General Fund/M&O - Purchasing

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Four (4) computers and three (3) computers with monitors	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing	\$7,372	General Fund/M&O - Purchasing
23 MS Office 2007 software applications	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing	\$5,214	General Fund/M&O - Communications
FMIS software upgrades	I.C.S.	Sungard Pentamation	\$7,000	General Fund/M&O - Purchasing
Two (2) Mitel telephone cards	I.C.S.	Integrated Network Solutions, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$3,825	General Fund/M&O - Communications

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PERSONAL PRIVILEGE - COMMISSIONER PATRICK FARRELL

Commissioner Farrell asked, could I have the floor for one minute? Chairman Liakakis said, yeah, go ahead.

Commissioner Farrell said, I wanted to take this opportunity before we adjourn to recognize County Engineer Al Bungard. One of his projects that he did last winter was to plant 17 very large live oak trees, and because of the recent two to three month drought that we've experienced, the trees were under a tremendous amount of stress from not having enough water, and he quickly resolved the problem and I believe we'll probably save almost all if not all the trees through his quick action on the live oaks down at Rodney Hall Boat Landing. So I just wanted to point that out.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Bungard is coming back from Canada, but I know he'll appreciate those remarks.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion being made by Commissioner Odell and seconded by Commissioner Shay the board recessed at 11:45 a.m. to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, land acquisition and personnel.

Following adjournment of the Executive Session, the meeting of the Board of Commissioners was reconvened at 1218 p.m.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to approve a motion to authorize the Chairman to execute an Affidavit that the Executive Session was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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APPOINTMENTS

- RESOURCE PROTECTION COMMISSION**

Commissioner Shay made a motion to confirm the following appointments to the Resource Protection Commission: District 2 – Dionne Hoskins, Ph.D., District 4 – Paul Wolff, District 5 – Kristina Williams, whose terms will expire June 30, 2010, and District 7 – Elizabeth E. Arndt and District 8 – Dane K. Spencer, whose terms will expire, June 30, 2009. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 12:25 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