

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 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 9:53 a.m., Friday, August 8, 2008.

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II. INVOCATION

Commissioner Dean Kicklighter gave the Invocation.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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IV. ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll.

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

Also present: Russell Abolt, County Manager
 Lisa Colbert, Assistant County Attorney
 Sybil E. Tillman, County Clerk

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. NEWS CONFERENCE TO INTRODUCE COMPUTERCOP, PARENTAL INTERNET MONITORING SOFTWARE (SHERIFF AL ST. LAWRENCE).

Chairman Liakakis said, we've already handled the ComputerCOP with the Sheriff's.

NOTE: This item was presented to the citizens by way of the government channel and to the audience prior to the beginning of this meeting.

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2. RECOGNITION OF BILLY RAY WHO HAS RETIRED AFTER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH CHATHAM COUNTY POLICE AND MPD.

Chairman Liakakis said, Billy [Ray], if you'll come to the podium and if you'll bring your wife and whoever else you want to share this with you today. Before I read this proclamation, I want to let people know I've been knowing Billy Ray and his family for many, many years and he has participated in many things in our community, not only protecting our citizens as a police officer and a detective and being able to solve many cases and helping us for the safety and other areas but, Billy, for your participation in charitable and civic things in our community. You've been a great representative of law enforcement in our community, and on behalf of the Chatham County Commission I want you to know that we really appreciate your service and what you have done for this community in these many, many years.

Chairman Liakakis said, the proclamation as such:



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

WHEREAS, on August 17, 1971, Billy Ray began his employment with Chatham County as a deputy sheriff at the Chatham County Detention Center and due to his thoroughness and professionalism, Billy Ray started his climb to become one of our finest; and

WHEREAS, after three months of employment, he was promoted to Juvenile Detention Care-Aid and later to deputy in Chatham County's State Court. Through hard work and perseverance, he became one of Chatham County's finest on January 8, 1977; and

WHEREAS, he is an outstanding police officer who brought pride and distinction to his department. He attended and successfully completed numerous training courses and applied what he learned from the various seminars he attended to ensure that he performed his duties to the utmost of his ability; and

WHEREAS, Billy Ray was promoted to the rank of detective in the Criminal Investigation Division during a period where identity theft was not as prevalent or as well known as it presently is; however, he solved many cases involving identity theft and brought peace of mind to individuals that were victimized or those who thought they may be a victim of this crime. He outstandingly performed his duties in that area without the benefit of modern technology that is available today.

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

DETECTIVE WILLIAM "BILLY" RAY

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia, to be affixed this the 8th day of August, 2008.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Sybil E. Tillman, Clerk

Chairman Liakakis said, congratulations, Billy. Detective Ray said, thank you very much.

County Manager Abolt said, Ladies and Gentlemen, first of all I want to thank Commissioner Odell for reminding us that we should do something special for Billy Ray and his family. I have to tell you as I walked in I was very pleased to see that his wife, Carol, dressed him today and he did not wear his kilts. All I can say is that Billy Ray has possibly the ugliest pair of knees in Chatham County. I was asked to contribute when Ms. Gordon prepared this very wonderful resolution [sic] something that I might know about him that was worth putting in here. I want to let you know that my wife and I were victims of identity theft many, many years ago and, like the resolution said, before it was known, and Billy Ray was there for us for months and helped us understand. Repeatedly helped us understand, and for that I want to say thank you. Now I'm going to present to him the lamp, only because that's what we do at this time, but to express my appreciation — you'll recall in all these years the lamp is presented without a bulb — so now, and I'll give it to Billy, but on behalf of Diane and Russ Abolt, there's a bulb. Detective Ray said, but it's only 20 watts though. Chairman Liakakis said, he's trying to save you money.

Detective Ray said, this is — I started about 30 years ago and I'm looking at, fast forward, I'm looking back. Gee, I don't know what to say to you guys. I just do appreciate y'all allowing me to do my thing, which was catch bad guys. I enjoyed the hell out of it and always will and enjoyed slamming that door and making sure they got put away for a while. At least for a while. Sometimes they came back and it ended up where I was arresting some of their grandchildren for doing the same thing. So old moonshiners became drug dealers and petty thefts became identity fraud specialists. So, as a result, over the years I had a great time. I want to thank my wife for putting up with all the times I had to leave and all the different things that we missed because of the work, but it's over with now and thank y'all. God bless you.

Commissioner Shay said, God bless you, sir. Commissioner Farrell said, thank you.

Chief Michael Berkow said, I'll just say one word because one of the things I that I think isn't appreciated sometimes about Billy is what a teacher he was. He has one of the nicest ways of talking to people and some of the things that he was imparting to are young officers. We have to remember we hired 96 new officers last year, and the way they develop and the way they serve people is what they see and how they learn and how other officers teach them, and Billy Ray has that unique ability — whether it's Irish or not — to communicate so beautifully with everyone, and he showed that over and over and over again to all these young kids. You didn't have to be tough, you didn't have to be macho, it was talking to people and communicating, and that was invaluable and I'm deeply thankful for your efforts of doing that. So, thank you.

Commissioner Gellatly said, Billy, before you try to get away. I've had the honor and the privilege of knowing you throughout most of your career actually, and I'll tell you, you're a real true professional. You have a sense of dedication that's rarely found, and you've treated the citizens throughout our County equally and fairly, and you've been a very thorough investigator, and I want you to know that I personally feel that you are indeed a policeman's policeman. Thank you.

Commissioner Odell said, Billy, look the other way. As an attorney, I really appreciated the fact that you and I have had many cases together and what I noticed, and I think it just echos what the Chief said, not all family members of a criminal defendant are criminals. Some of them are just innocent bystanders who end up with a child or a relative who is a dishonest person. Your ability to communicate to those individuals like they were people and treat them with dignity and respect, I think, created an environment of cooperation in which most often they wanted to help you solve the crime. That's an invaluable things in police business. Too often we are of the misguided opinion that simply because you're a police office the community should embrace you, but that embrace is a mutual embrace and I've found that people only embrace you if you embrace them, and your communication embraced the community. I did not want your retiring to go by without this body, especially our Chairman, acknowledging your major contribution to law enforcement, but to this community we are a civilized community and in order to do that people have to be treated as people, and you've mastered that. I will personally regret seeing you retire. We haven't gotten all of the bad guys yet, but I think after 30 years you deserve it, and I thank Carol for dressing you this morning. I went by there and I told here, I said, thank you. Thank you, you're a good guy and I hope you enjoy your retirement.

Detective Ray said, thank you very much, and Commissioner Gellatly, thank you for that comment. A policeman's policeman is dear to my heart and title. I thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, Billy, thank you again on behalf of the County Commission, and may God continue to bless you and your family in the years to come.

Detective Ray said, thank you very much for the opportunity.

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3. RECOGNITION OF DR. PRISCILLA D. THOMAS AS THE WINNER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO) AND SIEMENS' COUNTY COURTHOUSE AWARDS FOR HER CONCEPT AND FOUNDING OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION. VAN JOHNSON AND PETE NICHOLS WILL PRESENT.

Chairman Liakakis said, right now we have another, and now I would like to call on Van Johnson and another one of the Chatham County Youth Commission to do this presentation.

Mr. Van Johnson said, certainly. Good morning, Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission. I am joined this morning by Sheray Franklin, who you previously met, who is the Chair-Elect of the Chatham County Youth Commission. Could you imagine Kansas City, Missouri, the home of jazz and barbecue, the convention center with over 3,000 people clapping and screaming and shouting, people rushing throughout the week to obtain the autograph of the brightest star

there. Was it Bruce Springsteen? No. Was it Britney Spears? No. Was it the Backstreet Boys? No. But it was our very own Dr. Priscilla Thomas, the national winner of the 2008 National Association of Counties and Siemens' County Courthouse Award for her concept and her development of the Chatham County Youth Commission.

Due to Dr. Thomas' vision and support and your support of the Chatham County Youth Commission, culminating with the greatest support that this group of young people have ever received from this Commission as it presently sits, we now have Youth Commissions in Fulton County, which is in Atlanta, Alachua County, Gainesville, Florida, Prince Georges County, Maryland, Cass County, Fargo, North Dakota, and most recently Daugherty County in Albany, Georgia, where they traveled to Savannah on last week to meet our young people and find out a lot about the wonderful things that you endorse here in Chatham County.

This great and national award only affirms what we've known for years — that Dr. Thomas' vision was real, effective and most importantly sustainable, and that Chatham County is and remains the epicenter of governmental youth leadership, development and empowerment. In addition to winning a very handsome award, that was broken during transit — have you gotten it yet? Commissioner Thomas said, I had a call yesterday and it is en route. Mr. Johnson said, it's coming. She also won a \$5,000 scholarship that will be given to the student of her choice.

Our Public Information Director Pete Nichols, Youth Commissioner Advisors John Hawkins, Taqwaa Saleem and Donna Slay, Youth Commissioners Desirae Suggs, Byron Spellman, Keyuanna Green, Mark Stephenson and I were in attendance for this great event. Commissioner James Holmes and Commissioner Pat Farrell were also in attendance, and while I can accurately describe this event I fear that my description would be inadequate. So through the miracles of technology, we take you back in time to Kansas City, Missouri, Monday, July 14, 2008:

A representative on behalf of Siemens and NACO made the presentation of the NACO and Siemens' County Courthouse Award to "Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman of the Chatham County Commission in Georgia, located in Southeastern Georgia on the Atlantic Ocean. Chatham County was created on February 5, 1777. It is one of the original counties of Georgia and home to the beautiful and historic City of Savannah. The County encompasses 632 square miles and has nearly 250,000 residents.

"In 1992, just two years into her first term as a County Commissioner, Dr. Thomas saw several youth related county statistics she didn't like and one in particular – the graduation rate for four year high schools was only 47%. Of course, if you knew Commissioner Thomas had served in education for 30 years as a teacher, administrator and member of the State Board of Education and holds a Doctorate in Psychology and Education Administration, you'd understand that especially in her case graduation rates means something.

"These statistics inspired Commissioner Thomas to create the Chatham County Youth Commission. Its purpose is to help improve graduation rates, reduce teen pregnancies, and reduce the number of juvenile offenses. Since its creation and thanks to constant leadership and nurturing from Commissioner Thomas, the Youth Commission has provided many benefits for Chatham County to their youth, such as higher self-esteem, increased community involvement and recognition. Building strong bridges with the business community and local government, the Commission has addressed issues such as AIDS and HIV, illiteracy, truancy and reckless driving. In addition, youths are now more vocal about the conditions they face in their community and discussing the best ways for leaders to address these issues. For example, for the past 10 years the Chatham County Youth Commission has been the only youth program to participate in NACO's Legislative Conference in Washington, DC. As a result, youth voter registration and participation are now at an all-time high in the County. With more than 300 graduates, the Youth Commission has helped build successful lives for young people who've become lawyers, social workers, health care professions, entrepreneurs, military officers, educators, even politicians, and most importantly law-abiding productive citizens who are in local governments across the county. And I bet you're not surprised when I tell you that high school graduation rates in the County have increased to 65%.

"Annual participation in the Commission has more than doubled and it's been featured as the best practice in model youth programming across the country. Because of its success, Youth Commissioners from Chatham have helped other counties from North Dakota to Florida build similar organizations. As the youth program for which she is being honored today illustrates, Dr. Thomas has built a reputation as one of this country's most dynamic educators in youth advocates.

"Listen to this praise from a program of others who wrote: 'As a result of her participating in the youth commission program, I was exposed to so much. The exposure helped me to discover what my interests, hopes and aspirations were. More importantly, I gained a passion for service which continued through my college career and will continue through my life.'

"Dr. Thomas' commitment to the people of Chatham County, particularly the youth, has made her community a better place to live and has given its youth the opportunity to succeed and achieve their dreams."

In response, Dr. Thomas said:

Good afternoon. Thank you so very much. I appreciate this most prestigious award. Here today with me are some of the Youth Commissioners of Chatham County and I would like for them to just stand so that you will see them in the audience. We usually travel everywhere together. So would the Youth Commissioners and advisors please stand. I would like to acknowledge Mr. Van Johnson, who is the Director of the program. Mr. Johnson. He is also an Alderman. And last, but not least, let me say thanks to my wonderful husband. Because of him I am able to do all the wonderful things for the children of Chatham County. Thank you so very much."

Chairman Liakakis said, Priscilla [Thomas], again thank you on behalf of the Chatham County Commission because you have shown your love in reaching out as an educator for many years and, of course, starting the Youth Commission and the Summer Bonanza to help our young people who are our future. And you go beyond that because you show the love for all of the citizens in Chatham County, and we do appreciate that and may God bless you.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. May I just say one word or two. First of all, let me say thanks to this Commission and previous Commissioners because they, too, saw the need for having a Youth Commission in Chatham County. Without your support and your dedication, none of this would happen at this time. I also want to thank Mr. Van Johnson, who has shown the leadership in terms of being the dynamic director that he is and I would like for us to show some love for him at this time as well. [Applause.] Commissioner Thomas said, there's a lot of work that goes into working with these young people, and I want to say; thanks to the Youth Commission. You are wonderful, you are the reasons why we are receiving this award. Thank you so very much and we look forward to a brighter future. Thank you.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

None.

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

1. BAND SHELL (COMMISSIONER DEAN KICKLIGHTER).

Chairman Liakakis said, that has already been taken care of.

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CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Shay, seconded by Commissioner Holmes and unanimously approved, the Board recessed as the County Commission at 10:20 a.m., and reconvened as the Chatham Area Transit Authority.

Following adjournment of the CAT meeting, the Board resumed the meeting at 11:40 a.m., as the County Commission.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

- 1. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF APPEAL TO THE RIGHT-OF-WAY ENCROACHMENT PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE COBBLESTONE SUBDIVISION ACCESS ONTO BUSH ROAD. (ENCLOSED IS DOCUMENTATION FROM APPELLANT.) STAFF RECOMMENDS DENIAL UNTIL THE TRAFFIC CONCERNS CREATED BY THE SUBDIVISION AND THE SAFETY OF THE CITIZENS TRAVELING BUSH ROAD ARE ACCEPTABLE BY STAFF AND THE COUNTY ENGINEER. [DISTRICT 7.] *At meeting of July 25, 2008, item was tabled for a month (to meeting of August 22, 2008).***

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

This item was not untabled for consideration by the Board of Commissioners.

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2. * **REQUEST FROM MR. GREG HOLLAND FOR THE COUNTY TO DECLARE THE UNOPENED PORTION OF THE SOUTH STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN LOTS 127-128 AND LOTS 85 THROUGH 90 OF THE BETZ CREEK SUBDIVISION (PINS: 1-0042 -01-021; 1-0042 -01-022; 1-0042 -01-087; 1-0042 -01-024) AS SURPLUS AND TO QUITCLAIM THE RIGHT-OF-WAY. [DISTRICT 4.] *At meeting of July 25, 2008, item was tabled to the next meeting so that all parties may be present.***

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

This item was not untabled for consideration by the Board of Commissioners.

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IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTION

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

1. **TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING FY2009 BUDGET AMENDMENTS: (1) RECOGNIZE REVENUES AND RELATED EXPENDITURES IN THE MULTIPLE GRANT FUND FOR A \$205,000 GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND A \$36,721 GRANT FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, (2) RECOGNIZE REVENUES OF \$15,720 AND RELATED EXPENDITURES IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FUND FROM AUCTION PROCEEDS, (3) RECOGNIZE REVENUES OF \$8,835 AND RELATED EXPENDITURES IN THE CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND FROM AUCTION PROCEEDS, (4) A \$100,000 TRANSFER FROM ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES TO A MAPPING PROJECT IN SALES TAX IV, AND (5) A \$4,300 TRANSFER TO SALARIES AND BENEFITS IN THE SUPERIOR COURT ADMINISTRATOR BUDGET.**

Chairman Liakakis said, we need a motion on the floor for this.

Commissioner Thomas said, move for approval, Mr. Chairman. Commissioner Holmes said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the following: (1) recognize revenues and related expenditures in the Multiple Grant Fund for a \$205,000 grant from the Department of Human Resources and a \$36,721 grant from the Administrative Office of the Courts, (2) recognize revenues of \$15,720 and related expenditures in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund from auction proceeds, (3) recognize revenues of \$8,835 and related expenditures in the Confiscated Revenue Fund from auction proceeds, (4) a \$100,000 transfer from Administrative Expenditures to a mapping project in Sales Tax IV, and (5) a \$4,300 transfer to salaries and benefits in the Superior Court Administrator budget. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1

AGENDA DATE: August 8, 2008

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manage

FROM: Linda B. Cramer, Finance Director

ISSUE: To request approval of the following FY2009 budget amendments: (1) recognize revenues and related expenditures in the Multiple Grant Fund for a \$205,000 grant from the Department of Human Resources and a \$36,721 grant from the Administrative Office of the Courts, (2) recognize revenues of \$15,720 and related expenditures in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund from auction proceeds, (3) recognize revenues of \$8,835 and related expenditures in the Confiscated Revenue Fund from auction proceeds, (4) a \$100,000 transfer from Administrative Expenditures to a mapping project in Sales Tax IV,

and (5) a \$4,300 transfer to salaries and benefits in the Superior Court Administrator budget.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- (1) Juvenile Court has received grant awards of \$205,000 from the Department of Human Resources and \$36,721 from the Administrative Office of the Courts for the Drug Court. A resolution to amend the FY2009 budget is attached.
- (2) The net proceeds from the surplus vehicle auction on June 16, 2008 were \$24,555. Budget amendments to recognize the revenues and expenditures are in order. The CIP Fund will be amended for \$15,720 and the Confiscated Revenue Fund will be amended for \$8,835. Resolutions and correspondence are attached.
- (3) The County Engineer has requested a \$100,000 transfer from Administrative Expenditures to a Road, Street and Bridge Mapping project in Sales Tax IV. Correspondence is attached.
- (4) The Superior Court Administrator has requested a \$4,300 transfer to salaries and benefits from professional fees. Correspondence is attached.

FUNDING: The budget amendments will establish funding for the Multiple Grant, CIP, and Confiscated Revenue funds. Funds are available in Sales Tax IV and Superior Court Administrator budgets for the transfers.

ALTERNATIVES:

- (1) That the Board approve the following:

MULTIPLE GRANT FUND FY2009

- a) increase revenues and expenditures for a \$205,000 grant from the Department of Human Resources,
- b) increase revenues and expenditures for a \$36,721 grant from the Administrative Office of the Courts.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FUND FY2009

Increase revenues and expenditures for \$15,720 from auction proceeds.

CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND FY2009

Increase revenues and expenditures for \$8,835 from auction proceeds.

SALES TAX IV FUND FY2009

Transfer \$100,000 from Administrative Expenditures to a Road, Street and Bridge Mapping project

GENERAL FUND M&O FY2009

Transfer \$4,300 from Professional Fees to salaries and benefits in the Superior Court Administrator budget.

- (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. INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE ARCHITECTURAL-ENGINEERING DESIGN CONTRACT WITH L. ROBERT KIMBALL & ASSOCIATES TO EXPAND THE JAIL.

Chairman Liakakis recognized County Manager Abolt.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, this is extremely good and much anticipated, almost complete news as to our contract with the design and engineering firm for the Detention Center expansion. In taking particularly with Mr. Bungard and his staff and also having conversations with Col. Holmes and Jon Hart, I am very optimistic that come the 22nd, your next meeting, we will have the contract with price in it so that design can begin, and I congratulate you all. I appreciate the work of the Sheriff and Col. Holmes particularly.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. That's information that we have. They've been working hard on that, our County staff and the Sheriff and our County Attorney. So we move on now to the Action Calendar.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

This item was information only. No action was required by the Board of Commissioners.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2

AGENDA DATE: August 8, 2008

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

ISSUE: To provide information on the status of negotiations for the architectural-engineering design contract with L. Robert Kimball & Associates to expand the jail.

BACKGROUND: On April 25, 2008, the Board directed staff to terminate negotiations pertaining to the design contract with Facilities Group and directed staff to negotiate scope and fees for design with the most qualified firm recommended by the Evaluation Committee.

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. As directed by the Board, staff contacted L. Robert Kimball & Associates to negotiate scope and fees.
2. Kimball & Associates met with the Sheriff's Department on May 20, 2008. Engineering staff has had numerous meetings with the design firm to discuss project scope, and has interviewed and verified qualifications of new team members.
3. Staff from the Engineering, Purchasing, and Sheriff Departments, and the County Attorney have had exhaustive and tedious negotiations over a six week period, with the architectural-engineering firm on contract language. Except for insurance requirements, all contract issues were resolved as of July 25.
4. Staff received a proposal from the design firm including the Scope of Work, Deliverables by Phase, Fee and Organizational Chart on July 28.
5. Should the proposal and fee negotiations be finalized to the mutual satisfaction of County staff and the design firm, staff anticipates presenting it to the Board on August 22, 2008.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

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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 6 and under Item 6 we have Items A through M. Do we have any particular items we want to hold out.

Commissioner Stone said, I'd like Items 6-L. Chairman Liakakis said, 6-L.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I make a motion to approve the balance of the Action Calendar. Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, there's a motion on the floor for all items except 6-L. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve Items 1 through 6-M, except Item 6-L. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

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1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 25, 2008, AS MAILED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commission Kicklighter moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 25, 2008. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 17, 2008, THROUGH JULY 30, 2008.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period July 17, 2008, through July 30, 2008, in the amount of \$3,468,690. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A DATA SHARING AGREEMENT WITH GEORGIA POWER COMPANY FOR A GIS-BASED STREET LIGHT INVENTORY. [ALL DISTRICTS.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve a data sharing agreement with Georgia Power company for a GIS-based streetlight inventory. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-3

AGENDA DATE: August 8, 2008

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

ISSUE: To approve a data sharing agreement with Georgia Power Company for a GIS-based street light inventory

BACKGROUND: County staff and Georgia Power representatives have been working on the details of how to manage an inventory of street lights provided under the County's street light assessment program. Georgia Power requires a data sharing agreement before they will share their digital street light data with the County.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. A street light inventory is needed to audit the existing assessment program and to support the creation of new districts. The County pays the energy bills for the street lights and is reimbursed annually via assessments billed on the property tax statements. The assessment amount is determined by dividing the annual cost of the energy bill by the number of parcels in the district.

- 2. In order to integrate an inventory into the County's Geographic Information System (GIS), staff has been working with Georgia Power to develop a GIS data sharing scenario that will be the first of its kind for Georgia Power. The agreement allows the data sharing details to be worked out with Chatham County.
- 3. A GIS-based inventory will allow more equitable assessments. GIS tools can accurately and quickly calculate the "per parcel annual cost" and make the process much more efficient than the existing manual methods.
- 4. The process of locating street lights and verifying billing responsibility will help correct any mistakes in the current street light billing.
- 5. The agreement has been signed by Georgia Power after many months of negotiation. The County Attorney's office has reviewed and concurred to the agreement.
- 6. The agreement limits County use of Georgia Power's data to assessment and billing purposes. The agreement also restricts distribution of the data.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. That the Board approve an agreement with Georgia Power Company and authorize the Chairman to sign.
- 2. That the Board not authorize the agreement.

FUNDING: No funding is required for this action.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The Board must approve agreements and authorize signing by the Chairman.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve Alternative #1

All Districts

Prepared By : Vincent Grevemberg

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**4. REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN, COUNTY ATTORNEY, CLERK OF THE COMMISSION AND COUNTY ENGINEER TO SIGN ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO ENABLE CHATHAM COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LOCAL ASSISTANCE RESURFACING PROGRAM (LARP) WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (GDOT) FOR THE RESURFACING OF COUNTY ROADS AND TO AUTHORIZE AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$90,000 FOR MILLING. (SEE ATTACHED PROPOSED LIST.)
[ALL DISTRICTS.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the Chairman, County Attorney, Clerk of the Commission and County Engineer to sign all required documents to enable Chatham County to participate in the local Assistance Resurfacing Program (LARP) with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the resurfacing of County roads and to authorize an amount not to exceed \$90,000 for milling. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: X-4
AGENDA DATE: August 8, 2008**

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

ISSUE: That the Board authorize the Chairman, County Attorney, Clerk of the Commission, and County Engineer to sign all required documents to enable Chatham County to participate in the Local Assistance Resurfacing Program (LARP) with the Georgia

Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the resurfacing of County roads and to authorize an amount not to exceed \$90,000 for milling.

BACKGROUND: GDOT has a LARP with local governments to resurface roads. GDOT funds the cost of resurfacing. They require that the County certify ownership of the roads to be resurfaced, prepare the roads for resurfacing (including milling) and maintain them upon completion.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. GDOT requested a list of roads for the 2009 LARP list from the County. It is ready to submit and consists of various roads throughout Unincorporated Chatham County in Congressional Districts 1 and 12. GDOT has a rating system by which they determine the roads that qualify for resurfacing. They also have an allocation system that limits the amount of resurfacing granted to each county or municipality.

2. Some of the streets require milling to remove areas of existing asphalt before resurfacing to prevent excessive asphalt build up. Without milling, drop offs from the pavement edges into driveways cause vehicles to scrape the pavements upon entry or exit. This is considered a preparation cost. The estimated cost to the County for milling should not exceed \$90,000.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board authorize the Chairman, County Attorney, Clerk of Commission and County Engineer to sign all required documents to participate in the LARP and fund milling in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.

2. That the Board not approve participating in the LARP.

FUNDING: Funds are available in 2003-2008, SPLOST, LARP (Fund/Department # 3234220, Account Code # 54.14001, Project # 32355657, Account Code # 54.14001).

POLICY ANALYSIS: The Board must approve intergovernmental agreements and funding.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve Alternative No. 1.

District: All Districts

Prepared By: Kirk Thomas

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5. REQUEST BOARD CONFIRM THE CHAIRMAN’S SIGNATURE ON THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CHATHAM COUNTY SUPERIOR DRUG COURT AND THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES. THE CONTRACT PROVIDES \$205,000 FROM THE DNR’S DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH TO SUPPORT THE DRUG COURT.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to confirm the Chairman’s signature on the contract between the Chatham County Superior Court Drug Court and the Georgia Department of Human Resources providing \$205,000 from the DNR’s Division of Mental Health to support the Drug Court. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-5
AGENDA DATE: August 8, 2008

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Shawn Amacher, Superior Court Administrator

ISSUE: To request Board confirm the Chairman’s signature on the contract to support the Superior court Drug Court located in Chatham County.

BACKGROUND:

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

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- (1) Chatham County will serve as the fiscal agent for the \$205,000 being made available by DHR.
- (2) Asking for confirmation of the Chairman's signature on the contract as the documents were not received from DHR in time for prior Board approval. The three (3) original contracts are due in the DHR Regional Office on July 25, 2008.

FUNDING:

No Chatham County funds are required.

ALTERNATIVES:

- (1) That the Board confirm the Chairman's signature on the Drug Court Treatment Grant from the Georgia Department of Human Resources in the amount of \$205,000.
- (2) That the Board does not confirm the Chairman's signature on the Drug Court Treatment Grant.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board accepts Alternative 1.

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

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
A. Annual maintenance agreement for telephone switches and telephones	I.C.S.	Integrated Network Solutions (Sole Source)	\$78,462	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S. - Communications
B. Purchase, installation and training of new software	Finance	Sungard Pentamation (Sole Source)	\$33,219	General Fund/M&O - Finance - FY2008
C. Annual contract with option to renew for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to cover service on radio equipment and related items	Sheriff	Savannah Communications (Sole Source)	\$50,287	•General Fund/M&O - Sheriff - \$15,086 •General Fund/M&O - Detention Center - \$35,201
D. 33 Whelan "Vortex" outdoor warning sirens	CEMA	McCord Communications (Sole Source)	\$449,559	CIP - CEMA Warning Sirens
E. Installation of concrete sidewalks and parking area to meet handicap requirements at Grays Subdivision Park	Parks and Recreation	Coastline Concrete (Sole Source)	\$11,132	CIP - Parks and Recreation
F. Memorandum of Understanding with All Walks of Life, Inc.	Finance	All Walks of Life, Inc.	\$25,000	General Fund/M&O - Special Appropriations
G. Confirmation of additional vehicles sold at public auction	Fleet Operations	N/A	N/A	Revenue Producing
H. Close Out Change Order No. 3 to the construction contract for the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum Addition project	Special Projects	Collins Construction Services, Inc.	\$12,825	Project fund contingency. No additional funds are necessary
I. Contract for the demolition of three (3) County owned buildings	Special Projects	Best Construction	\$16,900	DSA Series Bonds/ ANG Building

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
J. Purchase and installation of corrugated sheet metal and accessories to enclose a shelter	Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department	Alloy Industrial	\$37,392	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Islands Precinct
K. Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract for the Red Fox Drive drainage improvements for additional services	Engineering	OCS, Inc.	\$32,560	SPLOST (1998-2003-Red Fox Drive drainage improvements project
L. Repairs to press box located at Memorial Stadium	Parks and Recreation	Ricks Glass Company, Inc.	\$11,000	Reserve for Deductible
M. Declare a 2000 Ford Crown Victoria as surplus and authorize the transfer of the title to CAT	Fleet Operations	N/A	N/A	N/A

As to Items 6-A through 6-M, except Item 6-L:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve Items 6-A through 6-M, except Item 6-L. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

As to Item 6-:

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to bring up and I just had a discussion with the Assistant County Manager that Item 6-L to the contract for the demolition of the three County-owned buildings will allow us to proceed with the construction of the new Animal Control facility, and this is something that's much needed in this community and it's going to be a very, very positive thing. I just want to say how grateful how I am that we're moving forward with this.

Chairman Liakakis said, wait a minute — 6-L?

Commissioner Shay said, I move for approval of Item 6-L. Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, let's go on the board.

Commissioner Stone said, I was going to make the motion, but I just wanted to say that first. Commissioner Shay said, I apologize. Commissioner Stone said, that's alright.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve Items 6-A through 6-M, except Item 6-L. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- b. Commissioner Shay moved to approve Item 6-L. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-6 A thru M
AGENDA DATE: August 8, 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 \$78,462 annual maintenance agreement with Integrated Network Solutions for maintenance for telephone communications for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: On 10 August 2007, the Board approved the annual agreement, with Integrated Network Solutions, for maintenance of the telephone communications. This

maintenance agreement is required to maintain the telephone switches and telephones installed throughout various County facilities.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Integrated Network Solutions has a fully trained staff for the maintenance of our system. They guarantee 24/7 service to make any necessary repairs or troubleshooting to the County system.

- 2. The equipment to be covered includes the County's eight (8) PBXs which provide telephone service to all County staff. The PBXs are located at the Judicial Courthouse, Administrative Courthouse, Sheriff's complex, County Administrative Annex, Public Works, Citizens Service Center on Eisenhower Drive, Mosquito Control and the Active Voice Mail System.
- 3. This pricing offered by Integrated Network Solutions reflects a 1% increase over last years cost. Staff believes the total cost of \$78,462 to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of the \$78,462 annual maintenance agreement with Integrated Network Solutions for maintenance for telephone communications for I.C.S.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary maintenance agreement on County equipment.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$33,219 sole-source purchase and installation of the Employee Access Center (E.A.C.) software with Sungard Pentamation, Inc. for Finance. This includes installation and training.

BACKGROUND: The application being purchased is for an Employee Access Center. The use of the application is for time sheet entry, online job application submittals and updating employee benefits and information via the intranet and internet.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. Sungard Pentamation of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania is the only company permitted to make changes or updates to their proprietary software, thereby qualifying these agreements to fall under a sole-source procurement.
- 2. Staff believes the cost of \$33,219 to be fair and reasonable. The price includes the purchase, installation and on site training.

FUNDING: General Fund/M & O - Finance - FY2008
(1001510 - 52.12013)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of the \$33,219 sole-source purchase and installation of the Employee Access Center (E.A.C.) software with Sungard Pentamation, Inc. for Finance. This includes installation and training.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide essential license agreements and maintenance contracts.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

ICS APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$50,287 one (1) year sole source agreement, with automatic renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, for maintenance service on radio equipment and related items from Savannah Communications and Electronics for the Sheriff's Department.

BACKGROUND: On 5 October 2007, the Board approved a consolidated service package with Savannah Communications and Electronics to cover the Sheriff's department's mobile radios, portable radios, consoles and repeaters.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Sheriff's Department has had a consolidated service plan for its communications for several years. The Sheriff's Department maintains one (1) radio console; one (1) repeater; and over 400 radios, both portable and mobile. It is essential this equipment be maintained to keep it functioning.
2. Savannah Communications and Electronics is the authorized local Motorola distributor to provide warranty work and maintenance service in the local area. This agreement provides an 8% discount. The service agreement term is 1 July through 30 June each fiscal year.
3. Staff believes the cost of the annual service agreement to be fair and reasonable based on previous agreements.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Sheriff - \$15,086
(1003300 - 52.22001)
General Fund/M&O - Detention Center - \$35,201
(1003326 - 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approve the \$50,287 one (1) year sole source agreement, with automatic renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to cover service on radio equipment and related items from Savannah Communications and Electronics for the Sheriff's Department.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary service agreements to maintain the radio communication systems for law enforcement.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
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ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$449,559 sole source purchase of 33 Whelan "Vortex" Outdoor Warning Sirens from McCord Communications, Inc., for CEMA.

BACKGROUND: The Board approved at their 25 July 2008 meeting funding for the purchase of the sirens. The County has previously purchased the Whelan "Vortex" sirens for installation throughout the County from McCord Communications, Inc.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. CEMA currently has installed and maintains 31 warning sirens in Chatham County. This purchase will be for eight (8) replacement and 25 additional sirens.
2. In order to maintain compatibility with the County's existing siren system and components, staff requested pricing from McCord Communications, Inc. They quoted staff a total cost of \$449,559 for the purchase of the Whelan "Vortex" sirens and associated components.
3. The sirens will be installed by the current County contractor, D.P. Joyner Electric. The Board approved their contract at the 16 November 2007 meeting.

FUNDING: CIP - CEMA Warning Sirens
(3509980 - 54.25001 - 3503052Z)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$449,559 sole source purchase of 33 Whelan "Vortex" Outdoor Warning Sirens from McCord Communications, Inc., for CEMA.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide warning sirens for the immediate and recognizable emergency notice to the citizens of Chatham County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$11,132 sole source installation of concrete sidewalks and parking area to meet handicap requirements at Grays Subdivision Park from Coastline Concrete Services, for Parks and Recreation.

BACKGROUND: On 22 February 2008, the Board approved the purchase and installation of a picnic shelter/pavilion for Grays Subdivision from Hasley Recreation and Design. Hasley completed installation of the new shelter/pavilion in June 2008. To comply with ADA standards of accessibility, sidewalks and parking area are required.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Sidewalks and a hard surface parking area are an ADA compliance requirement for accessibility to Parks and Recreation facilities.
2. Staff contacted several local vendors and received only one (1) response from Coastline Concrete.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$11,132 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - Parks and Recreation
(3506100 - 52.22001 - 35030327)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$11,132 sole source installation of concrete sidewalks and parking area to meet handicap requirements at Grays Subdivision Park from Coastline Concrete Services, for Parks and Recreation.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide accessible parking and sidewalks for handicapped citizens.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$25,000 Memorandum of Understanding with All Walks of Life, Inc. (AWOL).

BACKGROUND: The adopted FY2009 General Fund M&O budget includes an appropriation of \$25,000 for All Walks of Life, Inc. (AWOL).

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The County Attorney has reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding with All Walks of Life, Inc. (AWOL).
2. The County Attorney concurs to form and legality to the Memorandum of Understanding (see attached pages 15-19) and is submitting it for Board approval and authorize the Chairman to sign.

FUNDING: General Fund/M & O - Special Appropriations
(1009975 - 57.30101)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$25,000 Memorandum of Understanding with All Walks of Life, Inc. (AWOL).
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board action to approve a contract or Memorandum of Understanding with agencies receiving funding.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
 READ DEHAVEN

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board confirmation of the disposal of additional vehicles sold at a public auction.

BACKGROUND: The Board, at their 89 May 2008 meeting, approved disposition of various vehicles and equipment to be sold at a public auction.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. In order to clear the salvage yard and sell as soon as possible, vehicles which had exceeded their useful life, were included.
2. Please see attached page 20 for the additional items disposed of at the auction.

FUNDING: Revenue producing

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board confirmation of the disposal of additional vehicles sold at a public auction.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to seek confirmation of added items sold at a public auction.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
 READ DEHAVEN

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order 3, in the amount of \$12,825 to the construction contract with Collins Construction Services, Inc. (CCS), for the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum Addition Project, for additional work. This is the final change order to this project.

BACKGROUND: On February 9, 2007, the Board awarded a construction contract to Collins Construction Services, Inc for the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum Addition Project.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Due to the fire sprinkler requirements of the Savannah Fire Department and the lack of periodic testing of the existing fire sprinkler system, an additional cost for PIV valve and flow test is required. The cost for the following additional work is \$6,731.
2. A field change to the location of the water heater in the men’s rest room from the janitors closet to above ceiling was required to maximize storage space in the closet. The additional amount for this work is \$674.
3. Due to the electrical service change over delay caused by the Museum and Georgia Power, additional time was added to the substantial completion schedule of which CCS is entitled to compensation. The additional amount for this is \$4,246.
4. Due to the tie-in to the existing electrical system, additional circuits are needed to accommodate the new electrical loads. This issue was not visible until after the existing service was evaluated during the Georgia Power change over. The additional amount for this work is \$1,174.
5. Contract history:

Original Contract (2-9-07)	\$2,919,064
Change Order 1 (2-8-08)	21,462
Change Order 2 (5-9-08)	18,732
Change Order 3 (pending)	12,825
Revised contract amount	\$2,972,083

6. Staff and the consultant believe that the cost for all of the additional work submitted by Collins Construction Services, Inc. is fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: Project Fund Contingency. No additional funds are necessary

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order 3, in the amount of \$12,825 to the construction contract with Collins Construction Services, Inc. (CCS), for the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum Addition Project, for additional work.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM I

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a contract in the amount of \$16,900 to Best Construction for the demolition of three County owned buildings located at various locations in Chatham County.

BACKGROUND: The County is demolishing five dilapidated buildings and concrete walls for three projects underway: 1) Renovation of old Mosquito Control property into a Recycling Center, which requires demolition and removal of two concrete structures and concrete walls; 2) Construction of the new Animal Control Shelter, which requires demolition and removal of two structural steel buildings; 3) Cooperative Extension Service at the Citizens Service Center, which requires removal of one concrete building. The Purchasing Office solicited bids for the five buildings and received bids from six different companies.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Of the bids on the five buildings, Board approval will be needed only for one contract since it exceeds the threshold of \$10,000. Best Construction submitted the lowest responsible bid on demolition and removal of three buildings, which total \$16,900. This includes 1211 Eisenhower Drive, \$4,800; former records warehouse/Sallie Mood Drive, \$4,300; and former surplus storage building/Sallie Mood Drive, \$7,800.
2. Demolition of these three buildings will enable start of construction on the new Animal Control Shelter by removal of two structural steel buildings at Sallie Mood Drive and site work on the proposed Cooperative Extension Service building at Eisenhower Drive.
3. In addition to this award of contract, Triplett Clearing will be removing a concrete structure at the old Mosquito Control, \$4,800; and Ace's One Construction will be removing a second concrete structure and walls at the old Mosquito Control, \$3,000. These contracts will not require Board approval since they total less than \$10,000. Removal of these structures at the old Mosquito Control will allow renovation of the property into the new Recycling Center, which will serve the City of Savannah and unincorporated Southeast Chatham County, including Isle of Hope, Dutch Island, Sandfly, LaRoche Avenue subdivisions, Whitefield Avenue subdivisions, Burnside Island and The Landings.
4. An engineering firm completed an environmental analysis on all of the buildings to ensure no hazardous materials. The County issued a contract for removal and proper disposal of a small amount of material containing asbestos on two of the buildings.
5. Staff finds the quotes from Best Construction, an MBE firm, to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: 1211 Eisenhower Drive(1999 DSA Series Bonds/ANG Buildings)
(3703910 - 54.13011 - 37032297) - \$4,800
Two warehouses on Sallie Mood Drive (2005 DSA Series Bonds/Animal Control Shelter)
(3601565 - 54.13011 - 36031107) - \$12,100

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a contract in the amount of \$16,900 to Best Construction for the demolition of three County owned buildings located at various locations in Chatham County.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
TOM DRANE

ITEM J

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$37,392 purchase and installation of corrugated sheet metal and accessories to enclose a shelter from Alloy Industrial Contractors, Inc., for Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department (SCMPD).

BACKGROUND: An outdoor shelter located at the County Police Annex is used by the Forensic Unit to store seized vehicles after they have been examined and processed as part of criminal investigations.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The outdoor shelter is exposed to the elements and does not provide SCMPD with the opportunity to completely secure the vehicles from the environment which causes deterioration of the vehicles.
2. Installed structural clips and steel grids will make the exterior skin 120 mph wind load. Overhead doors, exhaust fan, lights and other electrical is included.
3. Written quotes were obtained from three (3) local vendors are as follows:

Alloy Industrial Savannah, GA	\$37,392	
James Steel Erectors, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$18,500	non-responsive
JDR Enterprises Savannah, GA	\$42,150	
4. Alloy Industrial's work performance on several other County projects has been very satisfactory and staff believes their quote is fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - Islands Precinct
(3233200 - 54.13009 - 32360357)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$37,392 purchase with installation of corrugated sheet metal and accessories to enclose a shelter from Alloy Industrial Contractors, Inc., for Savannah- Chatham Metropolitan Police Department (SCMPD).
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consist with Board policy to approve purchases in support of law enforcement activities.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM K

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order 1 in the amount of \$32,560 to the contract with OCS, Inc. to provide water service by-pass facilities required by the City of Savannah and to also allow a 42 day extension on the contract for the additional work for the Red Fox Drive Drainage Improvements project.

BACKGROUND: The Red Fox Drive project is Phase 2 of the Fawcett Canal Drainage Improvement Project, part of the 1998-2003 SPLOST. This project will improve the storm water collector pipes in the White Hawthorne Drive and Red Fox Drive areas of Georgetown. The original contract was approved by the Board on 9 May 2008.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The project is located in the Georgetown area of Unincorporated Chatham County. The existing drainage pipes are too small and are not graded properly. Phase 2 will replace the existing storm sewer pipes with larger pipes on proper grade.

2. During the design phase, the engineer identified potential conflicts with the existing water service system operated and owned by the City of Savannah. The engineer submitted drawings to the City and requested comments in March 2006. The City's comments were incorporated into the final construction drawings.
3. The County utilized the completed drawings to acquire necessary easements to construct the improvements. The final easements were acquired in early 2008. The County issued an Invitation for Bids, and awarded a contract for construction to OCS, Inc. As required by the contract documents, the Contractor contacted affected utilities to coordinate system relocations and/or service disruptions as required to construct the improvements. The City of Savannah is now imposing new and additional requirements concerning the water service system that were not included as a part of the construction contractor's scope of work. This Change Order is to pay for work associated with meeting the requirements of the City of Savannah.

4. Contract history:

Original Contract (5-9-08)	\$ 324,690
Change Order 1 (pending)	<u>\$ 32,560</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$ 357,250

FUNDING: SPLOST (1998 - 2003) - Drainage - Fawcett Canal Project
(3224250 - 54.14021 - 32280167)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order 1 in the amount of \$32,560 to the contract with OCS, Inc. to provide water service by-pass facilities required by the City of Savannah and to also allow a 42 day extension on the contract for the additional work for the Red Fox Drive Drainage Improvements project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM L

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$11,000 repairs to the press box located at Memorial Stadium by Ricks Glass Company, Inc., for Parks and Recreation.

BACKGROUND: Memorial Stadium is a County-owned facility that is used by area high schools and sports teams primarily for football games and other athletic events.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. On 19 June 2008, a severe thunderstorm with high winds damaged the Memorial Stadium press box to the extent that major repairs are needed to bring the facility back to pre-storm condition.
2. High school football games are scheduled for later this month.
3. Staff obtained pricing for the repairs from the following vendors:

Ricks Glass Company Savannah, GA	\$ 11,000
All About Glass Savannah, GA	\$ 13,281
Jack Ricks Glass Savannah, GA	\$ 16,700

FUNDING: Reserve for Deductible
(6259908 - 57.30101)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$11,000 repairs to the press box located at Memorial Stadium by Ricks Glass Company, Inc., for Parks and Recreation.

- 2. Provide staff other direction

POLICY ANALYSIS: Chatham County has an obligation to maintain Memorial Stadium in a condition suitable for public sporting events.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM M

ISSUE: Request Board approval to declare a 2000 Ford Crown Victoria as surplus and approve the vehicle transfer Chatham Area Transit (CAT).

BACKGROUND: Chatham Area Transit (CAT) has requested that Chatham County transfer to them a salvaged 2000 Ford Crown Victoria.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. Chatham Area Transit has requested the donation of a surplus County vehicle to meet a dire need within their organization. Please see the attached memo on page 21.
- 2. By State Law and County Policy, vehicles and equipment are disposed of when they reach the end of their useful life or are no longer required by Chatham County. Disposal is normally carried out by public auction. The County may also transfer these items to other government entities if it wishes.
- 3. Transfer to another governmental entity requires the approval of the County Commission. The Commission must also determine whether to donate the item at no charge, or whether to charge the residual value of the vehicle or some portion of that value.
- 4. The vehicle requested is a 2000 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN 2FAFP71W4YX115480. This unit was assigned to Metro Police for many years and is in poor to fair condition. It's residual value is estimated at \$1,500.

FUNDING: No Funding Required

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board declare the 2000 Ford Crown Victoria as surplus and approve the transfer, free of charge, to Chatham Area Transit.
- 2. Board declare the 2000 Ford Crown Victoria as surplus and approve the transfer to CAT for a set price.
- 3. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve request where they are deemed reasonable and appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

PREPARED BY _____
PURCHASING AGENT

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XI. FIRST READINGS

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

None.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

None.

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS**1. PROGRESS REPORT ON GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT - M&O AND THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT (SEE ATTACHED).****ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

A status report was attached for review.

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2. LIST OF PURCHASING ITEMS BETWEEN \$2,500 AND \$9,999 (SEE ATTACHED).**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

A status report was attached for review.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-2**AGENDA DATE: August 8, 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>AMOUN T</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Remove existing ceiling tiles and grid for new HVAC ductwork and install new tiles and grid	Sheriff	Boaen Mechanical	\$6,100	CIP - Sheriff
One (1) desk, credenza, bookcase and lateral file	Engineering	VIP (WBE)	\$3,730	Land Bank Authority
Cut and remove three (3) trees on Queen Aire due to storm damage of 6/19/08	Public Works	Sharp Tree Service	\$6,550	SSD - Public Works
Install 22 Llumar window films for Election Board and Voter Registration offices	Facilities Maintenance	Solarworks Group, Inc.	\$2,870	Bond Fund - ANG Property
Purchase and installation of eight (8) new Laguna type seats and seat belts	Fleet Operations	West Chatham Warning Devices	\$3,421	CIP - Fleet Operations
Annual maintenance contract for access control system	Detention Center	Receptors International Security (Sole Source)	\$5,585	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
One (1) Solus Pro Elite diagnostic scanner	Mosquito Control	Snap On Tools (Sole Source)	\$3,695	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
One (1) under carriage rebuild for track vehicle	Fleet Operations	Yancey Brothers	\$7,675	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
Annual fire alarm testing for judicial courthouse	Facilities Maintenance	Southeastern System Technologies (Sole Source)	\$5,649	General Fund/M&O - Facilities Maintenance

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Annual system support contract for the Hecon copy control system	Superior Court Clerk	High Tech Accessory Items, Inc.	\$2,560	General Fund/M&O - Superior Court Clerk
Field survey of the intersection of Jimmy Deloach and U.S. 80	Engineering	Thomas & Hutton Engineering	\$5,200	SPLOST (2003 - 2008) Intersection of Jimmy Deloach Hwy/U.S. 80
Removal and testing of 15 transformers for contamination	Parks and Recreation	Braddy Electric (Sole Source)	\$5,000	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Removal of tile from basement of Judicial Courthouse	Special Projects	A & R Flooring	\$4,000	SPLOST (2003 - 2008) Courthouse Construction
Community indicator study	Commissioners	Armstrong Atlantic State University	\$7,067	General Fund/M&O - Commissioners

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3. ROADS AND DRAINAGE REPORTS.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Status reports were attached for review.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 Roads

AGENDA DATE: August 8, 2008

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

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

BACKGROUND: In the past, most of the large road projects in the County were accomplished by project specific intergovernmental agreements with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Using SPLOST revenue, the County would design projects, acquire the needed rights of way and relocate utilities. Construction was funded by the GDOT using state and federal funds. Construction schedules were dictated by the allocations and balancing of funds among the Congressional districts in the State Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Upon appointment as the Commissioner of the GDOT in November 2007, Ms. Abraham put all construction contracts for road projects on hold state-wide pending her review of transportation priorities and available funding. GDOT staff indicated that the prioritization scheme may be presented sometime late 2008 or early 2009. In the meantime, the County Department of Engineering is reviewing the intergovernmental agreements, assessing the availability of SPLOST funds for commitments with the GDOT and reviewing production schedules. County staff is focusing on the following priorities (but being worked on concurrently):

- Truman Parkway, Phase 5
- Whitefield Avenue
- Diamond Causeway (intersection improvements on Skidaway Island)
- Skidaway Road Improvements
- Bay Street Widening
- Jimmy DeLoach Parkway/US80 Interchange
- Jimmy DeLoach Parkway, Phase 2
- Islands Expressway Bridge Replacement

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Truman Parkway, Phase 5. Property acquisitions are underway (91 titles acquired, closing is pending on 1 parcel, 2 condemnations pending filing by the GDOT. Except for business signs along Abercorn and removal of docks from the Vernon River, demolition of structures needed for ROW certification to the GDOT is complete. The Board approved a contract to remove docks on July 25. Utility relocation agreement with Georgia Power is being negotiated. The Final Field Plan Review (FFPR) is pending scheduling by the GDOT. Construction funding in the State TIP is programmed for FY 2010 (scheduled let date is July 2009).

2. Whitefield Avenue Widening. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approved the Environmental Assessment (EA) on February 13, 2004. On September 24, 2007, the GDOT approved a Revised Concept Report incorporating a 50 feet wide median with six canopy trees. The Preliminary Field Plan Review (PFPR) was held May 14, 2008. ROW plans were submitted to the GDOT on June 5, 2008.

3. Diamond Causeway Widening.

a. The GDOT is pursuing a design/build contract to construct a two lane high level bridge over Skidaway Narrows on the north side of the bascule bridge.

b. On July 25 The Board approved a contract to construct a traffic signal with turn lanes at State Park Road and to widen the section of roadway from the existing traffic signal at Lake Street to State Park Road. Contractor will have 180 days from date of NTP to complete the work.

4. Skidaway Widening. The Final EA was approved by the FHWA on December 30, 2004. The Board approved a engineering services contract on October 20, 2006, to resume design of the project incorporating all new GDOT requirements known to date. New data base for project is 95 percent complete. Preliminary design continues. Concept revision is 80 percent complete.

5. Bay Street Widening from I-516 to Bay Street Viaduct. The FHWA approved the Final EA/Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on August 31, 2007. Consultant intends to submit preliminary plans to the GDOT in August. Because the Legislature recently lowered the threshold from \$25M to \$10M (project cost), a Value Engineering Study is now required.

6. Jimmy DeLoach Parkway/US 80 Interchange. The Concept Report was approved by the GDOT on April 17, 2008. Consultant is preparing the Draft EA to submit to the GDOT in November 2008.

7. Jimmy DeLoach Parkway, Phase 2 (I-16 to US 80). The FHWA approved the Final EA on March 3, 2006. On September 22, 2006, the Board approved a change order for the engineering services contract to complete the design. The revised Concept Report was approved by GDOT on March 14, 2008. Preliminary design is about 50 percent complete.

8. Islands Expressway Bridge Replacement. L.A. Group (engineering consultant) is under contract with County to develop the Concept Report, which is pending approval by the GDOT.

9. Local Roads.

a. Troy Street, Catherine Street, Adeline Street, Thomas Avenue, Billings Road, Elmhurst Road, Beechwood Road, Ridged Road. Being designed for paving. Preliminary plans submitted by consultant are unacceptable and are being returned for correction.

b. Southbridge Boulevard. Rebuild of entrance is under construction. Scheduled completion date is August 29, 2008. Construction is approximately 80% complete.

c. Intersection improvements at Little Neck Road and US 17. Board approved a construction contract on July 25. Contractor will have 150 days from date of NTP to complete the work.

d. Bond Avenue, Betran Avenue. ROW and encroachment issues on Bond Avenue. Waiting on legal opinion to continue on Betran Avenue.

e. Brandy Road, Poland Avenue. Engineering consultant has submitted preliminary plans to pave both roads for staff approval. ROW plans should be available in September. Final construction plans should be ready by October. Acquisitions will be required to pave Brandy Road.

f. Wright Avenue, Fenwick Avenue. Being surveyed to design for paving.

g. Intersection improvements on Chatham Parkway at Veterans Parkway and Garrard Avenue. Being designed to install traffic signals at the interchange and at the intersection.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts: All

SUMMARY OF ROAD PROJECT STATUS
August 2008

PROJECT	ELEMENT	MILESTONE FOR COMPLETION	AGENCY RESPONSIBLE	NOTES
Truman Parkway, Phase 5	Environmental ROW Final Design Construction	Complete Sep 2008 Sep 2008	County County/GDOT County/GDOT GDOT	EIS approved 8/12/99 Acquisitions underway. FFPR in Sep/2008 CST FY 2010
Whitefield Avenue Widening	Environmental Design ROW Construction	Feb 2004	County County County/GDOT GDOT	EA/FONSI approved 2/13/04. PFPR held 5/14/08. ROW funded FY08 CST FY 2009
Diamond Causeway Bridge (Skidaway Narrows)	Environmental Design/Build		GDOT GDOT	January 2009
Diamond Causeway Widening (Spur SR 204)	Environmental Design ROW Construction		GDOT GDOT GDOT GDOT	Draft EA signed Feb 2005. FY 2008 FY 2011
Skidaway Road Widening	Environmental Design ROW Construction	Complete	County County County GDOT	Final EA signed 12/30/04. New contract 10/20/06. CST FY 2012
Bay Street from I-516 to Viaduct	Environmental ROW Final Design Construction	Complete FY 09	County County County GDOT	EA/FONSI approved 8/31/07 CST Long Range
Jimmy DeLoach Parkway, US 80 Interchange	Environmental ROW Design Construction		County County County GDOT	Concept Report approved 3/08 CST Long Range
Jimmy DeLoach Parkway, Phase 2	Environmental ROW Design Construction	Complete	County County County GDOT	Final EA approved by FHWA. Concept Report Approved 3/14/08. CST Long Range
Islands Expressway Bridge	Environmental ROW Design Construction		County County County County/GDOT	
White Bluff/Coffee Bluff	Environmental	N/A	County	CST FY 2013
Eisenhower Drive (Abercorn to Truman Parkway)	Environmental ROW Construction	N/A	County	Concept approved 6/22/04. CST FY 2013

NOTES: CST = FY in which the projects are programmed for construction.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 Drainage
AGENDA DATE: August 8, 2008

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

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

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

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Pipemakers Canal. The Pipemakers Canal extends from the Savannah River to Bloomingdale (over 13 miles). The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization, flood control structures to reduce control tidal influence, larger bridges and culverts. The work is being phased due to the size and complexity of the project. Construction of a sluice gate structure and channel improvements from SR 21 to the Savannah River (about 1.4 miles) were completed in December 2005. Channel improvements downstream about 1.4 miles from I-95 (along the Savannah-Hilton Head Airport) were completed in 2000. Design of channel improvements downstream from the Airport to SR21 are complete and right of way acquisition is almost complete. Staff is reviewing the permit offered by the US Army Corps of Engineers for the project.
2. Hardin Canal. The Hardin Canal extends from Salt Creek near US 17 to Bloomingdale (over 12 miles). The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization, larger bridges and culverts. The work is being completed in phases due to the size and complexity of the project. Several years of delay resulted from objections raised by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. A project to replace two canal culverts under SR 307 with bridges is designed. Right of way acquisition is underway.
3. Conaway Branch Canal. The Conaway Canal extends from Pipemakers Canal to US 80 in Bloomingdale (about 1.6 miles). The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization and larger culverts. The work includes engineering surveys and design, acquiring easements and rights of way, permitting and construction. Except for revisions to comply with recent changes in State laws on soil erosion and water quality, the design is complete. Most of the right of way for Phase 1 (about 1.1 miles) has been acquired.
4. Little Hurst Canal. Improvements consist of constructing a new culvert under the railroad east of SR 21. Work is underway to identify and acquire drainage easements and rights of way, and to acquire permits for construction. Engineering surveys and design work will commence after accomplishing these tasks.
5. Wilmington Park Canal. The Wilmington Park Canal extends from the Wilmington River to North Cromwell Road (about 1.4 miles). The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization and larger culverts. Construction of new culverts with tide gates at Wilmington Park Road was completed in September 2002. Design work is underway to widen and stabilize the channel in the area of Wilmington Park Road. Future work will include widening the channel about 1400 feet upstream from Wilmington Park Road.
6. Kings Way Canal. The Kings Way Canal extends from Whitefield Ave through the Kingswood Subdivision (about 0.7 mile). The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization and larger culverts. The work includes engineering surveys and design, acquiring easements and rights of way, permitting and construction. Phase 1 of the project was completed in 2005 as a part of the construction of Truman Parkway. The current project is scheduled to be complete in early 2009.
7. Village Green Canal, Phase 2. This project involves constructing an outfall canal and access for canal maintenance. The project is designed. Construction is proceeding as rights of way are acquired. The new outfall channel is complete, effectively increasing drainage capacity and lowering the water level by a few inches. All construction should be complete in 2008.
8. Dundee Drainage. This project will improve the metal tidegate structure and concrete headwalls, and provide access for maintenance. The project is under construction and is scheduled for completion by the end of 2008.
9. Louis Mills / Redgate Canal. The Louis Mills and Redgate Canals are tributaries to the South Springfield Canal. The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization and enlarging culverts. Project limits extend from the South Springfield Canal to Veterans Parkway (about 2.2 miles). About 0.7 miles of canal downstream of Garrard Avenue will be improved under a construction project that has been combined with a project to replace the culvert under the CSX railroad. A contract to construct these projects may be awarded before fall 2008. Work continues on acquiring easements for the remaining 1.5 miles of

canal. Completed work includes replacing a bridge, widening a culvert, and constructing channel improvements to the South Springfield Canal through Hunter Army Airfield.

10. Ogeechee Farms Area. The Ogeechee Farms area drainage improvement project includes improvements to canals and road crossing culverts. Phase 1 was completed in July 2005 and included piping about 0.2 mile of channel south of Vidalia Road and replacing a road crossing at Waynesboro Road. Phase 2 improvements include about 1.2 miles of channel improvements, improvements to road culverts and providing maintenance access. Design work continues. Rights of way and easements must be acquired for construction. The addition of a parallel culvert to increase drainage capacity at the Hodges Airpark is being designed and efforts are underway to secure permits.

11. Fawcett Canal. The Fawcett Canal serves the Georgetown area. The drainage system is composed of open channels, road crossing culverts and storm sewer pipes. Lagoons managed by the homeowners association are a functional part of the drainage system. Improvements include canal widening, bank stabilization, larger culverts and replacing storm sewer pipes. Phase 1 (completed in August 2002) involved about 1.4 miles of canal widening and new tide gates at Grove Point Road. In 2005 improvements to the lagoons were completed. Construction is underway to replace storm drainage pipes along Red Fox Drive to relieve flooding at White Hawthorn Drive.

12. Quacco Canal Drainage.. The Quacco Canal extends from the Little Ogeechee River to the Regency Mobile Home Park (about 4 miles). The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization, larger road crossing culverts and providing access for maintenance. Completed work includes upgrading the US 17 road crossing culvert (done with the US17 widening). Removal of the rice box structure at the outfall and a portion of the causeway is substantially complete. Design work to improve road crossing culverts along Quacco Road and construct storm water drainage improvements to protect the Regency Mobile Home park are complete. Right of way acquisition is underway.

13. Norwood Drainage Outfalls. The project will improve drainage capacity and provide access for maintenance. Three outfall locations along Norwood, between Skidaway Road and Lester Avenue are being considered for improvements. Current work involves preliminary engineering work to identify recommended improvements and define project scope.

14. Golden Isles Drainage. The project involves improvements to the storm water collection system to relieve the severity and frequency of flooding within community. Construction of Phase 1 improvements were completed in 1997 and included channel improvements and installing larger storm sewer pipes between Blue Heron Drive and Golden Isles Way. Phase 2 improvements, which include replacing driveway crossdrains and improving roadside ditches, are under construction and are expected to be completed in the fall 2008.

15. Henderson / Gateway Drainage. Primary drainage is provided by the Little Neck Canal and the Henderson Branch Canal (combined length of about 2 miles). Development of the subdivisions led to increased rates and volumes of storm water runoff which the canals cannot handle. Improvements include channel widening, replacement of road crossing culverts and providing access for maintenance. The work includes engineering surveys and design, acquiring easements and rights of way, permitting and construction. Two phases of the improvements are under design and will replace three culverts (Little Neck Road, Henderson Oaks Drive, and a golf path crossing). Improvements to the Little Neck Canal channel and improving access for maintenance was eliminated from the project as the result of opposition by residents. Improvements to the Henderson Branch are being designed.

16. Shipyard-Beaulieu Drainage. A project to improve drainage by replacing culverts and pipes. Design is underway to replace two culverts and a storm sewer with larger systems in order to increase drainage capacity at Beaulieu Avenue. The Department of Public Works and the Department of Engineering are waiting on the County Attorney to secure a temporary right of access agreement with a property owner to correct a ditch drainage problem.

17. Grange Road Canal. The Grange Road Canal extends from Pipemakers Canal to north of Grange Road (about 1.8 miles). The project will improve drainage capacity and provide access for maintenance. The original improvement concept identified construction of a new drainage outfall to the Savannah River along the unopened right of way of Grange Road. In 2007, the Georgia Ports Authority (GPA) requested that the right of way be abandoned to make way for a container berth expansion. Staff is working to coordinate the County's needs for drainage improvements with GPA's needs to expand.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts: All

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

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4. MONTHLY STATUS RE PORT ON NEW RECREATION RESOURCES (RAP).

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached for review.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-4
AGENDA DATE: August 8, 2008

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

ISSUE: Provide Board a status update on RAP

BACKGROUND:

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

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. FY 06 staff was able to accomplish the following:
 - In-house renovation of Lake Mayer's Restrooms
 - Installed new infield mix for Ambuc Park, L. Scott Stell, and Charlie Brooks Park
 - Installed new backstop and foul line fencing for Ambuc Park
 - Hired nine Maintenance Workers
 - Replaced the scoreboards at Ambuc, L. Scott Stell, and Charlie Brooks Park
 - Replaced all roofs at Memorial Stadium
 - Purchased three new vehicles
 - Purchased material for the renovation of the restroom at Ambuc Park
 - Painted the exterior of the concession stand at L. Scott Stell, and Ambuc Park
 - Contracts were awarded to replace the roof on the large pavilion at Lake Mayer, and reconstruct/resurface eighteen tennis courts
2. FY 07 staff completed the following:
 - All eighteen tennis courts were renovated or re-constructed.
 - Tom Triplett Park Bridge is completed
 - Frank W. Spencer Boat Ramp - Renovation is completed and the restrooms were re-opened
3. FY 08 staff completed the following:
 - Westlake Neighborhood Park - Playground Equipment installation is completed.
 - Lamarville Neighborhood Park - Playground Equipment installation is completed.
 - Salt Creek Complex - Playground Equipment installation is completed.
 - Replacement of the pavilion at Grey's Subdivision is completed
 - Replacement of the pavilion at Runaway Point Park is completed
4. Status of CIP project recently approved by the Board:
 - Fred Thompson has been assigned as Project Manager to manage CIP projects for Park Services.
 - Turners Creek Boat Ramp parking lot paving - Engineering is currently working with a consultant for design.
 - Fence at Memorial Stadium - Work is expected to be completed by mid August.
 - Lake Mayer - Re-roofing of Restroom, Boathouse, Administration Building - Completion pushed back to mid August.
 - Kings Ferry Park - New Restrooms design in progress - Pavilions Roofs was completed the end of July.
 - Contract awarded to GameTime for the replacement of the playground equipment at Hodge-Turner-Young.
 - Repaired bridges at L. Scott Stell that connects park with playground/picnic area.
5. RAP improvements identified in Park Services operating budget for FY 08.
 - Ambuc Sports Lighting - Installation of new lights began the first week of August.
 - Jim Golden Complex backstop replacement - Improvements on hold pending agreement with the Chain Baseball Organization.
 - Replacement of light wiring for tennis courts at Lake Mayer - Work is 50% completed.
 - Change water source at the Soccer Complex - Design completion is pending.

FUNDING:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

For Board Information Only

[All Districts]

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RECOGNITION OF STATE APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Gellatly said, I'd like to recognize — and I think we all should — Commissioner Helen Stone for her appointment by the Governor on the E911 Board. That's a very prestigious and a very critically important board, and it's very good to have one of our own on that board.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

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Commissioner Thomas said, while we are talking about that, I forgot to thank Mr. Nichols and I just wanted to say that he did an excellent job and he always is johnny-on-the-spot, and we appreciate all of the hard work that he puts into the Youth Commission and anything that we need, we can just call on Mr. Nichols, and I'd also like to thank our County Manager for his dedicated support as well.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion being made by Commissioner Stone and seconded by Commissioner Holmes, the Board recessed at 11:50 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 1:05 p.m.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE SETTLEMENT OF THE CONDEMNATION CASE FOR TRUMAN PARKWAY, PHASE V, PARCEL 87 (TUTTLE/RYAN ESTATE) (JONATHAN HART).

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay made a motion to authorize the settlement of the condemnation case for Truman Parkway, Phase V, Parcel 87 (Tuttle/Ryan Estate). Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner 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 Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2008

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

SYBIL E. TILLMAN, CLERK OF COMMISSION