

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 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 9:20 a.m., Friday, November 21, 2008.

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II. INVOCATION

Commissioner James J. Holmes 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 K. Farrell, District Four
 Harris Odell, Jr., District Five
 David M. Gellatly, District Six

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

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CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Liakakis welcomed the Youth Commissioners who were in attendance: Jazmine Ellis, a Sophomore at Groves High School, Carley Dawson, a Sophomore at Savannah Arts Academy, and Rajan Dulamal, a Senior at Benedictine Military Academy.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- 1. **PROCLAMATION HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST FLIGHT FOR GULFSTREAM AEROSPACE CORPORATION.**

I would like to call on the representatives from Gulfstream today that will receive that, Heidi Fedak. Do you have anyone else with you? Alright, just come to the podium here. I will read it up here. I am real honored today to read this. As all of us know that Gulfstream has been big for our economy over the many, many years. Right now I think they have somewhere around 7,000 employees. They have a backlog of building their newer jets and others and of course not only have they been as a profit making in our community, but they have participated in many civic and charitable things in our community and we can see there are many successes and many civic organizations and especially charitable organizations where the recipients of the wonderful things that they have done and put their resources in that, and I want Gulfstream, Heidi Fedak, to know that we really appreciate all of the things that they are doing in our community, not only about economics but also being community leaders.

Chairman Liakakis read the following proclamation into the record:

The County of Chatham
Georgia



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners would like to draw attention to an important occasion in the history of Chatham County and the worldwide business-aviation industry, the 50th Anniversary of Gulfstream flight; and

WHEREAS, the company that evolved into Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation started in 1958 when Grumman Aircraft Engineering Company, a company known for its military aircraft production, developed the first aircraft specifically designed for business travel; and

WHEREAS, on August 14, 1958, Grumman Aerospace test pilots Carl Alber and Fred Rowley took the twin-engine turboprop, Gulfstream I, on its maiden flight and flew over the company's headquarters in Bethpage, New York; and

WHEREAS, Gulfstream opened its new facility and made its initial commitment to Savannah and since then, its workforce has grown from 100 employees to more than 6,000, making it the largest manufacturing employer in the city; and

WHEREAS, Gulfstream's presence isn't limited to our area. Some of the more than 1,800 aircraft the company has produced have been used to train NASA crew members, transport heads-of-state and support our armed forces, making Gulfstream and our County, a vital part of the global aerospace industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pete Liakakis, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby offer our heartiest congratulations to the employees of:

GULFSTREAM AEROSPACE CORPORATION

and parent company, General Dynamics, on the golden anniversary of Gulfstream flight and applaud their many contributions to this county, the state and the worldwide aviation industry. Gulfstream has become a corporate citizen of the highest standing and one that I am proud to say calls Chatham County home.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 23rd day of September 2008.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Sybil E. Tillman, Clerk

Chairman Liakakis said, Heidi, I'd like to present this to you on behalf of our Commission. We thank you very much. Would you like to say a few words?

Ms. Fedak said, on behalf of the nearly 10,000 employees of Gulfstream, almost 7,000 here in Georgia, thank you. This is a great honor and we appreciate your support.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

1. REQUEST BOARD ADOPT A RESOLUTION WHICH AUTHORIZES CHATHAM COUNTY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A GATEWAY GRANT FOR A STATE ROUTE 26 (US 80) MEDIAN BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT. [DISTRICT 4.]

Chairman Liakakis said, we need to put on the agenda Item 1. We need a motion on the floor to place it on the agenda.

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

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, thank you very much for that. I apologize this is at a time certain and we have to have it in by the first of December. Your next meeting will not be until the 5th of December; therefore, my request is in addition to making the motion you put it on your Action Calendar to approve it.

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

Chairman Liakakis asked, Russ [Abolt], did you want this here or are you talking about —? County Manager Abolt said, no sir. You've done it now. When you adopt the Action Calendar, based on your motion, you will have approved it. That was my only need to interject the comment.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to place on the agenda the request to adopt a resolution which authorizes Chatham County to submit an application for a Gateway Grant for a State Route 26 (US 80) Median Beautification Project to be considered with the actions on the Action Calendar. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

1. YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY (COMMISSIONER FARRELL).

Chairman Liakakis said, here's a very important item, as all of them are, and I'm going to call on Commissioner Farrell to speak about the Youth Challenge Academy. We see many of them out in the audience today, and we appreciate all of you coming. Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome the Youth Challenge back to the County Commission. I want to recognize Ms. Denise Fisher for running the show, and I assume this is a different group than what was here previously. Ms. Fisher said, yes sir. We have two classes. [Inaudible.] Commissioner Farrell said, absolutely. Please come forward.

Ms. Fisher said, I have our Class President here who will be letting y'all know who the students that are here morning, and she has a very short presentation to re-educate Chatham County about Youth Challenge, and again we thank you for allowing us to come this morning. Commissioner Farrell said, you're very welcome.

Cadet Howell said, hi. My name is Paris Howell and I attend Youth Challenge Academy as the Class President. Youth Challenge Academy is an excellent program. I'm actually going to tell some of my friends about it. I've changed a lot and it's helped me a lot. I've received my GED. These are the officers and some of the other students from Student Council, and I just want to say thank you for supporting Youth Challenge Academy and it's a great program. Thank you for having us here.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you. We appreciate it. We want all of the members of Youth Challenge to know we really appreciate you coming this morning and your participation with the group because we have seen in the past many graduates who have turned out to be outstanding in our community and around the country. So again thank you.

Commissioner Farrell said, for the benefit of the public that's watching our meeting today, would you take just a couple of minutes and explain to the general public where you are located and what the Commission is that you are accomplishing and doing such a good job.

Ms. Fisher said, yes, Commissioner Farrell. Again, we are Youth Challenge Academy. This campus that is here today is at Fort Stewart, which is Hinesville, Georgia. We also have another campus at Fort Gordon in Augusta, Georgia. The Youth Challenge Program was started in 1993 and it is a program for high school dropouts to help them earn their GED and to make a new change in life. At the present we are in Class 31. We have graduated over 10,000 students at this particular campus. Fort Gordon has been around 10 years. There are campuses in 21 states around the country, and this is Mr. Williams who is also a Youth Challenge staff member. But again, just to let you know, we have been around many years. We are anticipating many more years, and if I could I'd like the students to stand up and tell each of you where they are from and what their future plans are. So, starting with Cadet Appling.

Cadet Appling said, my name is Teven Appling. I'm from Warner Robbins, Georgia, and I plan on going to [inaudible].

Commissioner Farrell said, if y'all are going to speak, could y'all come to the podium. Ms. Fisher said, sure, come up to the podium please. Commissioner Farrell said, and identify yourself so the —. Commissioner Kicklighter said, everybody come line up.

Cadet Appling and I plan on joining the Army after I leave Youth Challenge, and it really has done a lot for me. I've changed a lot since I've been there and it helped me get my GED also.

Cadet Roberts said, my name is Antavious Roberts. I come from Miami, Florida, and my plan is to get into real estate when I graduate here.

Cadet Joiner said, my name is [inaudible] Joiner and I'm from Atlanta, Georgia, and I plan on joining the National Guard when I leave Youth Challenge Academy.

Cadet Tristan Stephan said, my name is Tristan Stephan. I'm from Atlanta, Georgia, also. I'm 16 years old and I plan on going to college when I leave here.

Cadet Aristry said, my name is Manuel Aristry from the Bronx, New York. When I leave Youth Challenge I plan on going into the Army as a Telecommunications Operator.

Cadet Harper said, my name is Kadeem Harper. I'm going to major my trade in Facilities Maintenance. I'm from Griffin, Georgia.

Cadet Threat said, my name is Kyn-Yari Threat. I'm from Montgomery, Alabama, and I plan on going to college when I leave Youth Challenge.

Cadet Gates said, my name is Justin Gates. I'm from Atlanta, Georgia, and after Youth Challenge I plan on taking up Business Management.

Cadet White said, my name is Robert White. I'm from Waycross, Georgia. After the Youth Challenge I plan on going to the Air Force Aviation.

Cadet Cooper said, my name is Quayshawn Cooper. I plan to join the Georgia National Guard after graduating from Youth Challenge.

Cadet Bowie [phonetic] said, my name is [inaudible] Bowie. I'm from Cherokee, Georgia, and I plan on going to college after I graduate from Youth Challenge.

Cadet Beam said, my name is Niles Beem and after Youth College I want to go to college and become a photographer.

Ms. Fisher said, and just a couple of other reminders that I —, as they were speaking as you notice they are — we are a military style academy. Also we house them for 22 weeks in the residential phase. Once they graduate, we follow their progress for 12 months afterwards. So again, thank you, Commissioners, and have a great day.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you to all your staff.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Members of Class 31 of the Youth Challenge Academy, represented up by Ms. Denise Fisher, addressed the Commissioners to re-educated them with the Youth Challenge Academy.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

None.

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IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTION

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

- 1. TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGET TRANSFERS AND AMENDMENTS: (1) IN THE SALES TAX IV FUND: A) TRANSFER \$1,100,000 FROM THE CHATHAM COUNTY DRAINAGE PROJECT TO THE DRAINAGE/FLOOD MITIGATION/MAPPING PROJECT, AND B) TRANSFER \$75,000 FROM UNINCORPORATED COUNTY ROADS RESERVE TO THE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, (2) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES IN THE MULTIPLE GRANT FUND \$5,691,000 FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS GRANT PROJECT.**

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

Chairman Liakakis said, let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone made a motion to approve the following budget transfers and amendments: (1) in the Sales Tax IV Fund: a) transfer \$1,100,000 from the Chatham County Drainage project to the Drainage/Flood Mitigation/Mapping project, and b) transfer \$75,000 from Unincorporated County Roads Reserve to the Intersection Improvements project, (2) increase revenues and expenditures in the Multiple Grant Fund \$5,691,000 for the Public Safety Interoperable Communications grant project. Commissioners Holmes and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1
AGENDA DATE: November 21, 2008

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

ISSUE: To request approval of the following budget transfers and amendments: (1) in the Sales Tax IV Fund: a) transfer \$1,100,000 from the Chatham County Drainage project to the Drainage/Flood Mitigation/Mapping project, and b) transfer \$75,000 from Unincorporated County Roads Reserve to the Intersection Improvements project, (2) increase revenues and expenditures in the Multiple Grant Fund \$5,691,000 for the Public Safety Interoperable Communications grant project.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- (1) The County Engineer has requested a \$1,100,000 budget transfer in the Sales Tax IV Fund from the Chatham County Drainage project to the Drainage/Flood Mitigation/Mapping project. Correspondence is attached.
- (2) The Board of Commissioners approved a list of transfers among projects in Sales Tax IV at their November 7, 2008 meeting. A review of project balances revealed that a transfer of \$75,000 from Unincorporated Roads – Reserve (project # 32359510) to Intersection Improvements (project # 3235559) is necessary to complete the list and bring the project budgets to the intended amounts.
- (3) On April 11, 2008, Governor Perdue notified Chatham County that it would be granted \$7,711,808 in PSIC funds to enhance and expand the Public Safety Radio System. The Board of Commissioners approved a budget amendment for phase one of the project (\$2,021,000) on August 22, 2008. The attached resolution will establish the budget for the balance of the grant (\$5,691,000). A staff report is attached.

FUNDING: Funds are available in the Sales Tax IV Fund for the transfers. The budget amendment will establish funding in the Multiple Grant Fund.

ALTERNATIVES:

- (1) That the Board approve the following:

SALES TAX IV FUND

- (a) transfer \$1,100,000 from the Chatham County Drainage project to the Drainage/ Flood Mitigation/ Mapping project,
- (b) transfer \$75,000 from Unincorporated Roads – Reserve to Intersection Improvements.

MULTIPLE GRANT FUND

increase revenues and expenditures \$5,691,000 for the Public Safety Interoperable Communications grant project

- (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. VERBAL REPORT ON HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET AND SERVICE ISSUES (5 MINUTES).

Chairman Liakakis said, now this morning we will ask for the Health Department, Dr. Skelton, to come and give us a report on the Health Department budget and some service issues.

Dr. Douglas Skelton said, Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, I'm going to try to do this in five minutes, but I want to talk about some impacts you're going to be hearing about so that you can have a heads-up on what's happening to public health services in your community, and then talk about another service opportunity or potential that may occur. I'm going to tell you that I have more details, so I could give you more than a verbal report, and I will through County Manager Russ Abolt. I'll get something to him so that he can get details to you about some of these impacts.

Dr. Skelton said, the bottom line, we are suffering in 2009 budget cuts, \$530,000 in grant-in-aid to counties from the State, about \$50,000 in loss MEP revenue, some — another \$50,000 in some transfers from districts to counties, about \$120,000 reduction in women's, infants and children's nutrition programs, and as part of the Governor's directive to cut budgets, there's going to be a major reduction in temporary assistance to needy families that have been going to provide family planning services in this community and across the State.

The bottom line: we are losing about 10% of the revenue that's been available to provide services in your County, and when we lose that revenue and we have lease commitments that we are obligated to maintain and trying to maintain as much of our service delivery as we can. The impact of that, we've eliminated salary increases for all the employees, there's been a 16% reduction in the State grant-in-aid dollars, we have eight vacant positions that will not be replaced, we've terminated two people already, we have clinical nurse practitioners, three of them that are being furloughed once a month. Dr. Diane Weems and her management team have voted to furlough themselves one day a month to try to control the budget, the issues that we are facing, and we've eliminated adolescent health and youth development program budgeting. We've made a major reduction in hours for family planning, and we've probably going to have to close any kind of after-hours clinics.

Now, I'm telling you this not to hold the tin cup out, flying in in a corporate jet and holding out a tin cup. I'm not doing that. I'm just telling you these things are happening and I know the way I understand the way this works, we've probably have the earliest indicator of what's happening to county operations from the State, so I know you're going to be facing some budget challenges for the other part of the county operations, and I recognize that. I just wanted you to be aware that my efforts will be transparent about all of this, so our media people will be putting this out in detail to the public and you'll get questions, and I wanted you to be aware of that. That's all I'm asking at this point is just to make you aware and I'll do that in more detail through a letter to the County Manager that can come to you.

The other thing I'd like to address just briefly. Sometime back I met with the Chairman and the County Manager about concerns in this community about mental health and addictive disease services being provided by SABHC now under concern from the State in terms of several audits. The result of all of that, the SABHC board did bring in an excellent consultant. He's been trying to work with them, but the outcome of it all is that the State — that the State is moving their Medicaid number and cancelling their contracts in a transition that I think will be finished by the end of January. Everybody is concerned about how you continue to provide services to those people of Chatham that need mental health and addictive disease services. There is a law that allows a county board of health at the request of the county commission to offer mental health and addictive disease services. Under that law the State chose to actualize that with your support of your county board of health, the leader of that could not report through me. The leader of that has to report directly to the county board of health, not through the district health director.

I offered that as an option. As Commissioner Odell knows, we've discussed this at the board of health and the board of health is certainly willing to take this kind of program on, if that's your — if you support our exploring that and the State is supportive of that option. It might be helpful this morning for you to say what I think you will say is that you're supportive of it if the county board of health is willing to do it and if the State sees that as the most viable option to maintain services to your citizens.

Dr. Skelton said, so with that I'll close. We'll get you some written report on the budget issues, and I'll try to keep you posted through your Chairman and through the County Manager of other issues that are going on with mental health and addictive disease services as the State works through this with SABHC and other — there are other quality providers in this community that are stepping up to the plate so I'm hopeful that the outcome of this will be continued services to the citizens of Chatham County and I'm confident that will occur. I know that's what the State wants, that's what you want, and that's what I want, and I'm happy to try to be your agent to make that happen.

Chairman Liakakis said, Dr. Skelton, we really appreciate your leadership, and all of the things since you've been on board have helped many people in our community, your staff and, of course, Dr. Weems, and to put all those things together, because it's important because we have quite a number of people in our community that are less fortunate and they would not be able to have this healthcare if the health department was not providing it for them. But today we are not going to make a decision on that. What we're going to do because there are some other organizations wanted to do a presentation with us, so we hope that the County Manager will have it on the next — is it going to be on the next agenda? County Manager said, it depends on when Dr. Skelton is ready. Chairman Liakakis asked, will you have things ready to present your proposal to us by the next meeting? And the reason for that, we have some of the other organizations' personnel here who want to make a presentation, but we'd like to have all of the information from you first so that we can digest it and have them make their proposals also.

Dr. Skelton said, I think we can do that, Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission. The real issue is going to be does the State — would the State like the Chatham County Board of Health to step in and help provide these services in the community. If the State feels there are other providers that can step in and do it and do it in a quality fashion, the State may not wish to call on the Board of Health. If they do not wish to call on the Board of Health, I don't need to ask you to give us any authority to act.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Harris [Odell]?

Commissioner Odell said, as far as the Medicaid removal is time of the essence. Is two weeks or a month, is it going to make a substantial difference? Dr. Skelton said, time is of the essence but my understanding is that the State has met already with some other providers in the area that are going to be able to step in in a transition and provide these services, and I don't believe that — I believe the Medicaid number will be removed from SABHC as of January 1, so there's a transition period for the rest of this month and December to work all this out utilizing other providers as well. Commissioner Odell said, in your report to us, the Commission, is it possible for you to do just a brief educational paragraph or two as to, you refer to Medicaid number, explaining — I understand that you must have at least a 70 and

there was some consideration that we may have been a 52 —. Dr. Skelton said, I believe, Commissioner, you're referring to the audit reports from the State and the scores on those. As I recall, the fourth audit score was 64 and a 70 is a pass, but this was like four different exams in a row, each of them not satisfactory by the State standards. But I can address all that for you, be happy to. Commissioner Odell said, that would be good. I appreciate it.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would also ask that if we're going to request some information from Dr. Skelton that any of the other organizations that have any type of proposals I would like for us to receive those as well so that we can have them prior to the next — to when the presentations are given.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, so then at the next meeting then if you will come in because time being of the essence we need to address this right away, and then we'll invite all the other organizations. I see a number of them are in the audience now, so if they will send to the County Commissioners their proposal also ahead of time so that they can look at that, and then we'll go at the next meeting and go through all of that, a verbal presentation.

Commissioner Odell asked, can we also notify any partner that might be impacted by this decision. I mean, like the Homeless Authority, and I'm speaking to Russ [Abolt] —. County Manager Abolt said, yes sir, I will — yes sir, we will do that. I will tell you up front, which you are already aware of, we are very fortunate in this crisis to have the leadership and the knowledge and the experience of Dr. Skelton. You ask it of me and that's extremely appropriate.

Commissioner Odell said, and one last thing, although we have lost about \$755,000 from State funding, we have people who are furloughing, which reduces the impact. We did have a good day the other day honoring, and I was shocked when we honored Dr. Martha Fay, a person who richly deserves being honored, and we made the shift in change and our Chairman was kind enough to do a proclamation as eloquent as all get out. I mean, you would have been proud, but we're going to run that on our cable access TV, Russ [Abolt]? County Manager Abolt said, yes. Mr. Nichols was observed taking pictures. Commissioner Odell said, good.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, thank you very much, Dr. Skelton.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Dr. Douglas Skelton gave a verbal report on how the economy will be impacting the public health services in Chatham County.

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3. UPDATE ON MPC'S RESTUDY OF QUACCO ROAD CORRIDOR (ELMGREN).

County Attorney Hart said, this is more of an informational item. This matter arose out of the Elmgrens seeking to have some property rezoned from R-1 to P-B-1, Planned Business Limited, along Quacco Road. The Commission elected not to go forward with the rezoning of the property in that the rezoning would be inconsistent with the Tricentennial Comprehensive Future Land Use Plan of the County. As a result of that denial to rezone, staff was instructed by the Commission to then go forward and take that Quacco Road corridor area and look at it again and see if there had been enough changes to maybe consider rezoning. The MPC has completed that report and they come back and believe that the property along the Quacco Road does not need to be changed from the current comprehensive plan. As you know, we just recently adopted that. So basically that's the information and, you know, basically you don't have to do anything other than know that we've reported back that we believe the area is consistent with the comprehensive plan. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Any remarks? Okay.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

County Attorney Hart reported that the MPC had reviewed the Quacco Road area and determined that the current zoning is consistent with the Tricentennial Comprehensive Land Use Plan and no change in the zoning should be made as requested by Gregory Dean Elmgren.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3
AGENDA DATE: November 21, 2008

DATE: November 18, 2008
TO: Chairman, Board of Commissioners and R.E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney
SUBJECT: Update on MPC's Restudy of Quacco Road Corridor (Elmgren)

ISSUE:

To inform Board of results of the MPC's restudy of the Quacco Road Corridor for determination of whether a revision to the Comprehensive Future Land Use Plan is warranted.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Elmgrem's petition to rezone his property located at 124 Quacco Road, from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to P-B-1 (Planned Business Limited) was originally presented to the Commission during the October 5, 2007, Board of Commission meeting. Mr. Elmgrem sought the rezoning in order to establish as an office and accessory storage yard.

Finding that the proposed rezoning is inconsistent with Chatham County's Comprehensive Future Land Use Plan, the MPC recommended denial of the petition.

During the October 5, 2007, meeting, after hearing from the MPC staff and the petitioner's counsel, a motion was made to approve the rezoning petition. That motion died as result of not being seconded. The Board of Commissioners then approved a motion to refer the entire Quacco Road Corridor to the MPC to consider changing the comprehensive plan.

The MPC has completed its study of the Quacco Road Corridor and has determined that no change to the Comprehensive Future Land Use Plan is warranted.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. The Comprehensive Future Land Use Plan was adopted in 2006.
2. All of the land within the Quacco Road Corridor, with the exception of the commercial properties located at the intersection of Highway 17 and Quacco Road, is designed on the Future Land Use Map for residential development.
3. The land use concept for this area was to create a non-residential node near the intersection of Highway 17 and Quacco Road and to discourage commercial strips along the Quacco Road frontage.

FUNDING:

Not applicable.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

It is in the County's best interest to adhere to the Comprehensive Future Land Use Plan unless the Commission finds that compelling information is presented to warrant deviation therefrom.

ALTERNATIVES:

For information only.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information only.

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4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL FOR AN ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE WRITE-OFF IN THE WATER & SEWER FUND OF \$61,275.

Chairman Liakakis recognized County Manager Abolt.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, Vice Chairman Thomas, Commissioner Stone, gentlemen, this is a recommendation from the Finance Director because of some longstanding accounts because of specifics read in the staff report on why the accounts were not expected to be put in the black, we're recommending a write-off of the \$61,275 to eliminate any future audit finding.

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

Commissioner Kicklighter said, repeat that last part, Russ [Abolt].

County Manager Abolt said, these two — Henderson Golf Course and Pine Barren, both of them go back a number of years and the issue is whether or not we foreseeably would expect to collect the amount due. When all is said and done, we take the difference out of net assets of the Water and Sewer Fund and ask you to write off \$61,275. It is something that, you know, it's a cost of doing business sometimes and we're better off writing it off now rather than get a negative audit finding.

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

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

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell made a motion to approve an Accounts Receivable write-off in the Water & Sewer Fund of \$61,275. Commissioners Stone and Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-4
AGENDA DATE: November 21, 2008

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

ISSUE: To obtain Board approval for an accounts receivable write-off in the Water & Sewer Fund of \$61,275.

BACKGROUND: Chatham County has old accounts on its books need to be removed from the County's balance sheets since the underlying substance of the accounts is questionable.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Chatham County is showing a receivable account balance of \$389,090 for the extension of water lines to the Henderson Golf Course in 1994. No payments have been received on this account.
2. The County is showing liability account balances totaling \$327,815 for deferred rebates at Pine Barren and Runaway Point subdivisions. There has been little or no activity to these accounts in the past few years. Public Works has indicated that the Pine Barren subdivision is virtually permitted to capacity.
3. The age and lack of activity for the accounts indicate that the County needs to remove them from its ledger. To do this, Finance will adjust the receivable and liability accounts balances against each other. The remaining balance of \$61,275 will need to be expensed or written-off in fiscal 2009.

FUNDING: The write offs will be funded with net assets of the Water and Sewer fund through an expense to the Water and Sewer Write-Offs departments 505 9010 57.40001.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is sound fiscal policy for a local government to remove uncollectible accounts from its financial statements.

ALTERNATES:

1. Approve the write-off of the Henderson Golf Course receivable account, and the Pine Barren and Runaway Point deferred rebate accounts, and expense the remaining account balance of \$61,275 in the Water and Sewer Fund, or
2. Disapprove the write-off of the receivable balances.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Alternative #1.

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5. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF APPEAL TO THE RIGHT-OF-WAY ENCROACHMENT PERMIT APPLICATION FOR PEGGY BLOOD AT 918 PENN WALLER ROAD. [DISTRICT 4.]

Chairman Liakakis recognized County Manager Abolt.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, I defer to Mr. Drewry. This is one of those unusual not often seen on your agenda items where the Director of Public Works and Park Services has made a decision not to issue an encroachment permit on a fence that was built without a permit. The property owners, Dr. and Ms. Peggy Blood wishes to appeal that. This would be her time before you to do that. She has been so notified. I'd ask that Mr. Drewry be given an opportunity to explain background beyond what I've just told you.

Mr. Drewry said, good morning. Robert Drewry, Director of Public Works and Park Services. The issue you have before you is an appeal to the Right-of-Way Encroachment Permit Application. The ordinance clearly outlines that if a person wants to seek an appeal or variance, they have to go in front of this Board. So that's the issue in front of you. It's an appeal to a decision that I have made. Ms. Blood has constructed an elaborate brick and iron fence. It encroaches into the right-of-way of Walthour Road as much as 12 feet in one point. The fence itself, I think, is about 300 feet long and 100 feet of that is in the right-of-way of Penn Waller Road. Two notable issues obviously is the encroachment itself as to whether or not the Board wants to set a precedent to allow an encroachment in the right-of-way. The second issue, and it is in the staff report, is the gas company does have a main down Walthour Road. They are concerned that it is kind of close to their main. It doesn't impact it at this time; however, some point in the future they may have to go and work on that main and the fence maybe would have to be removed or damaged at that time. So those are the two noteworthy issues. The County Engineer's office has indicated that the encroachment itself does not cause a safety issue or a traffic construction and that also was noted in the staff report. As the County Manager indicated, Ms. Blood is in the audience. Is there any questions?

Chairman Liakakis said, Robert [Drewry], you say it's 12 feet encroachment into the right-of-way? Mr. Drewry said, at one point at the worst case it's 12 feet, yes sir.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, I'd like to hear from Ms. Blood.

Ms. Peggy Blood said, good morning, Chair and members. I'm sorry. My name is Peggy Blood at 918 Penn Waller Road, and I will present my case. When I moved to Penn Waller in '98, the owner did walk me through the property and there was a fence halfway up the back yard, a link fence, no fence in the front yard and no fence halfway toward the back of the yard on Walthour. In the end of '98, I decided to add onto my home and obtained a permit to build — to add on 1,500 square feet to the house and a driveway, circular driveway with a brick fence. Half of the — oh, maybe not half, maybe a quarter or so of the foundation was laid at the same time the foundation for the 1,500 square feet was laid. The Inspector came out and as far as I know he looked at the house foundation and where we were going to put the fence. I basically ran out of money and had a dispute with the contractor, and so I put up a wooden fence in '99 at the same time the house was built, being built. The house was finished in May-June of '99 and the fence went up in January-February all around the property, and I thought at that time he was following my property line. With the pictures that I issued to you, you'll notice that the water meter and my property line are right on each other, so I knew I couldn't go to the fence — I couldn't take the fence to the water meter — not the water meter, what are those — hydrants, the water hydrant because it was too close to the corner. I didn't know, number one, when I built this fence that I needed a permit because I was replacing a fence and my intentions were always to replace the fence because of security reasons. I have people walking on my property, people throwing things on my property, and just day before yesterday someone put a carcass of a deer on my steps, and I did file a police report. But other than that, I apologize. I didn't know if it actually is from ignorance not knowing the law that I was only following the fence that I had up there previously. As a matter of fact, it was built in back of that fence. I was trying to be very careful not to go over to — in order for traffic to have problems and, if you notice on the pictures, I moved the fence inside the property away from the hydrant and the corner, if you'll notice that. So I was trying to be very careful that I would not obstruct any driving. If you notice on the pictures, the water meter — the water company put the blue flag. They are away from the fence. If there is a problem with the gas, I just found out, and he said it's not on the line of the gas line, but any time if you will grant this encroachment, if they need to damage the fence to get to it, no problem. I just didn't know actually, and I know there's no excuse for not knowing, and I have no other thing to say.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Drewry, how much land does her fence, how much right-of-way land does her fence actually encompass and take away as far as acreage or anything? Mr. Drewry said, I don't think we've actually done the math, but 12 feet at one point, maybe 100 — a little over 100 feet long down to the property line, down to a point. Commissioner Kicklighter asked, the 12-foot mark, about how long in distance do you think it narrows down to —? Mr. Drewry said, not very long. It forms a triangle so in about 100 — a little over 100 feet it goes back toward the property line. So, 12-foot is at the worst point and it's less than 12 from there on.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. I think that she clearly had a permit to start with, she had a fence up and it was a misunderstanding and she replaced and —. County Manager Abolt said, she didn't have a permit. Commissioner Kicklighter said, the first permit did not include the fence when she built onto the house and the circular drive in the permit. She's standing. Can you answer that question. Ms. Blood said, yes. I had a permit for all of my construction in '98. If you go to —. Commissioner Kicklighter asked, including your fence? Ms. Blood said, yes sir, but I ran out of money. Commissioner Kicklighter asked, do you have a copy of that permit? Ms. Blood said, no, but I'm sure it's in the records at the County. I could probably go and — go to the County office and —. Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. I'd like to see if she actually had the permit or not. So I hope that whatever we decide to do, we'll table it at least to see if she had a permit.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, on the — I made a site visit there a couple of days ago and checked that out with the information that the staff has provided us. The one question I did have, on Penn Waller it looked like there was a stop construction, like they started — was that part on her property or was that also encroaching? Or do you know? Mr. Drewry asked, a stop-work order? Commissioner Farrell said, well, I visually saw that work was stopped on Penn Waller, the progress of building a fence. It's a corner lot. Mr. Drewry said, yes sir. Commissioner Farrell said, I think what's in question now is on Walthour. Mr. Drewry said, that's correct. Commissioner Farrell said, so my question is as they're proceeding Penn Waller, is that fence on her property or is that also encroaching? It didn't indicate from the paperwork that you gave us that it was encroaching, so I'm assuming it's not. Mr. Drewry said, that's correct. There's no encroachment on Penn Waller. Commissioner Farrell said, what I would like to do is ask Mr. Hart if there was a way, because it's not a problem with the traffic safety because that's a very busy intersection, if there is a way that we could permit this fence to continue standing without prohibiting the future of Public Works or any of the utilities that are using that, that they wouldn't prohibit them from doing what they need to do in the future, but it doesn't seem like, from looking at the site and looking at all the information, that this particular fence has a detrimental impact immediately. Is there some way to determine that.

County Attorney Hart said, if the Commission desired to do this, typically anytime we have a right-of-way encroachment, particular of a fence of this nature and size, the two primary things that staff is looking at is the safety issue, number one, and, number two, does the fence interfere with getting to public utilities for service and maintenance — fire hydrants, gas lines, or whatever. In this particular case, there doesn't appear to be a public safety issue and there also does not appear to be at the present time a public utility issue, although there may be if they have to do substantial service. My recommendation would be, if the Board wanted to, would be to enter into an encroachment agreement with the property owner in which we agree to allow her to encroach within the right-of-way as a revokable license so that if we ever needed that right-of-way, we could just revoke the license and then she would have to remove the fence, and I would recommend that that be done in a recordable form agreement so that we could put it into the Superior Court land records so that if the property is ever sold, the next owner would be on notice that that fence is sitting in our right-of-way, and that would give us the opportunity to allow the encroachment but preserve the right-of-way. She would also have to agree in that encroachment agreement that if any public utility needed to get in there and service

their facilities there, that she would assume the risk of loss of the fence, and I don't think staff would have a problem if we did that.

Commissioner Farrell said, I like that approach. I have one more question for Ms. Blood. If this conditional permission to proceed was agreed upon, do you intend to finish the fence that you began because I know it looks like it's about half built? Ms. Blood said, yes, it is half built. I would love to complete what I started. Commissioner Farrell asked, so you're in a position to finish it if you could get the proper clearance? Ms. Blood said, yes sir. Commissioner Farrell said, because it's a very nice fence and you've got a very lovely piece of property. Ms. Blood said, thank you. Commissioner Farrell said, it's an asset to the community. So unless there's any more questions —.

Chairman Liakakis said, yes, we've got — Helen [Stone].

Commissioner Stone said, I need a little bit of help, maybe from the County Attorney. We had an issue on Burnside Island not too long ago of an encroachment into the right-of-way and one of the concerns that was brought up, and I need to know if this is a valid concern, and I think we need to be careful of how we set precedents here, but one of the concerns with Burnside Island was when the fence was in the right-of-way if there was an accident would the County be held responsible if it's on County right-of-way, and that's a concern to me, and we voted to not allow the encroachment of this fence into the right-of-way on Burnside Island. So I want to be very careful that we're fair about this, and so I don't know what danger and what liability that puts the County in.

County Attorney Hart said, well, the difference in those two situations was there was a specific concern raised by the County Engineer based on traffic standards and we would at that point have been allowing a fence to encroach and creating a potential obstacle where an out-of-control vehicle would certainly have a high probability of having impact. Here we have a finding of that there is not a public risk of allowing this encroachment and as long as our safety people and our engineering staff are comfortable with it, I don't intend to raise an issue that, you know, it could happen anywhere.

Commissioner Stone said, but I want to get back to the question of if there was an accident, if someone were to hit that fence and it's own County right-of-way and they are harmed or their vehicle is harmed, is the County held responsible? County Attorney Hart said, the County could be sued because you can sue anybody that has a filing fee, but as far as being successful, no, I don't think so. Commissioner Stone said, then — I know you just explained this, but maybe I'm a little bit slow, go back then to the difference between that and the individual hitting the fence on Burnside Island. County Attorney Hart said, that is a safety issue. That is purely a safety issue there and as long as we do something — if I got a report from County Engineering that told me this fence constituted a traffic hazard, the recommendation of staff would be not to allow the fence, the fence would have to go. That would not be recommending an encroachment permit. Commissioner Stone said, so you're talking, if I understand this correctly, safety versus liability. County Attorney Hart said, correct. Commissioner Stone said, okay, that's all I needed to know because I don't want to be unfair or unreasonable about this, and if it were to pose a safety issue, then I would be more concerned, but I will yield to the rest of the Commission.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I think it's pretty clear that there was no deceptive intent there. She may have obtained a permit or at the very least she thought she had a permit to build it. She actually had a wooden fence there for years and she went so far as to build the brick fence behind the wooden fence, so there was — definitely wasn't a sneaky offense. I mean, the fence sat there for years and, you know, I think that 100 feet, as far as 100 feet of a brick fence, that's quite a bit of money she's invested there and I believe that we need to allow the conditional use and move forward. I'll yield to Commissioner Farrell to make a motion.

Commissioner Farrell said, what I'd like to do is make a motion that we enter into a conditional agreement to proceed with building the fence under the conditions that Attorney Hart had mentioned earlier and, of course, we would want to make sure the — I believe I saw a survey has been done by a registered Georgia surveyor and that the completed rest of the fence is a hundred percent on the private property and that there is a building permit acquired before construction begins on that. County Manager Abolt said, with all appropriate fees paid by the property owner. Commissioner Farrell said, all appropriate fees paid for by the property owner.

County Attorney Hart said, if y'all wish to direct the County Attorney's office to go ahead and prepare an encroachment agreement, we would certainly do that and then we would have the citizen execute that agreement, and then we would bring it back to you for approval.

Chairman Liakakis said, alright, we need a second on this motion. Commissioner Holmes said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, alright, let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell made a motion to enter into a conditional right-of-way encroachment agreement with Ms. Peggy Blood, 918 Penn Waller Road, to allow her fence to encroach on the County's right-of-way as a revokable license so that, if needed, the County and/or a public utility could require her to remove the fence, and that the agreement be filed in the Superior Court land records so that if the property is ever sold, the next owner would be on notice that the fence is encroaching in the County's right-of-way, and that all appropriate fees in connection with this encroachment would be assumed by the property owner. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-5

AGENDA DATE: November 21, 2008

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager

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

Issue: Request Board consideration of appeal to the Right-of-Way Encroachment permit application for Peggy Blood at 918 Penn Waller Road.

Background: On October 22, 2008 Public Works and Park Services received an application from Ms. Peggy Blood for construction of a fence in the right-of-way of Walthour Road.

Facts and Findings:

1. Staff received a concern from a representative of Atlanta Gas Light Company that a fence is being constructed in the right-of-way of Walthour Road adjacent to their gas main.
2. The owner provided the staff inspector a plat of the encroachment (see attached plat). Based upon the plat, the fence encroaches as much as 12 feet into the public right-of-way of Walthour Road. The owner was then advised that a permit will be required if work continues in the right-of-way.
3. Ms. Blood submitted an application on October 22, 2008. A letter was sent to Ms. Blood on October 28, 2008 advising her that the permit is denied and that an encroachment will not be allowed. The fence must be removed from the right-of-way.
4. On November 11, 2008 Ms. Blood submitted a request for an appeal to staff's recommendation (see attached). The applicant acknowledges that she did not survey the property before construction of the fence but she had followed the hedge row of shrubbery and an existing small decorative wood picket fence she had installed in 1999.
5. Staff requested a utility locate and to staff's knowledge, there are no utilities located inside the new fence. However, Atlanta Gas Light Company has expressed concern that the new fence is close to their main and that if they had to perform any work on the main, the fence may be damaged or may have to be removed.
6. The County Engineer's office advises the illegal fence is not a sight obstruction for vehicular traffic but does not recommend allowing the fence to stay within the right-of-way.

Funding: N/A

Policy Statement: Section 12-1107 (5) of the ordinance allows an applicant a variance or to appeal the decision of staff. Per the ordinance, the Board may uphold the decision of staff or modify the terms of the permit as it deems appropriate to accomplish the intent of the ordinance.

Alternatives:

1. Board uphold the decision of staff and decline the application.
2. Board provide a modification to the application as it deems appropriate to accomplish the intent of the ordinance and direct staff to approve the permit with the modification.

Recommendations: Board approve Alternative #1.

District 4

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6. CNT MONTHLY REPORT GIVEN VERBALLY BY COMMANDER HARRIS.

Commander Roy Harris said, good morning, Commissioners. I'm Roy Harris, CNT Commander. This is my report, if you'll pass it down. If you're on page one, if we look at Significant Events, during this past time, Item #3 on October 14th we were requested by the United States Customs Service, particularly the ICE, to assist them in surveillance and investigation on 4,500 pounds of marijuana that came into a container into the Georgia Ports. I realize this did not make a lot of press for some reason here locally, but 4,500 pounds of marijuana is a lot of marijuana. We maintained an active surveillance on this container for a number of days and through that identified some interesting parties which were not from the State of Georgia, and that investigation is continuing. Hopefully it will result in some federal indictments soon.

We also assisted Metro on a kidnapping case where a young lady was kidnapped out at Yamacraw Village and was held for a ransom for some drug money. We assisted them technically on some stuff that I'm not really privileged to be able to talk about here and also with some manpower on surveillance on that.

We also assisted the Drug Enforcement Administration request to do Red Ribbon Week, which is a week that they do every year, a presentation to school kids, fourth or fifth grade classes. We picked a fifth grade class here at the Hodge Elementary School and had agents assist them with that endeavor.

Look over to page 2, we conducted 26 undercover buys during this week — excuse me, during the month. You will see the number of drugs seized there. Page 3, the persons arrested. Total arrests for the month was 35, which I realize is a little low for our average month and in just a moment I'll explain why that was.

Look back on page 6, hours worked by zone, normally Central Precinct is the highest we have in Metro's territory — is highest this month. This month it was West Chatham Precinct. The reason for that was the 10 kilos that was seized. That investigation was centered more out in West Chatham and also wrapping up another investigation where we were involved in the arrest of 45 people. Again, that arrest did not make anywhere near front page in our newspaper, but these are 45 people of three major criminal organizations here in the Chatham County area. During the course of that investigation we seized along with DEA about \$370,000, multiple kilos of cocaine. Press releases were not made on that during the investigation because obviously we were continuing it. We put — CNT put 1,644 overtime hours into this investigation. Once these people are adjudicated through the federal system, they have potential fines of \$4,000,000 and we have property forfeitures that we're looking at probably double that during the time of real property and other seizures that we made. This was a joint investigation with CNT and DEA. We have the names available if you need them. They aren't really important in what we're doing here, but I think this is significantly going to impact the amount of cocaine coming into Chatham County. Now the 10-kilo seizure that was done earlier this month was a different organization, so we have two parallel investigations going on at the same time, both of them major in scope, and if you Commissioners will recall, when I took this job you very pointedly told me that that's what you thought the mission of CNT was to work mid-level to major investigations, and I have think we have endeavored to do that. I point these two more recent cases out as good examples of what we are doing there. On this other investigation we had about \$47,000 in overtime money spent, about half of our O/T budget. We will, however, be reimbursed through OCDEF for the majority of that money since this was a task force investigation and that will be federal reimbursement. Although we've got the money spent, the good news is we will get a lot of it back.

Chairman Liakakis said, in here you said there were three major crime groups that y'all were working on. Commander Harris said, yes sir. Chairman Liakakis said, at the same time. Commander Harris said, typically when we start investigations, we may target one particular person or leader of a group and then during the course of that you have spin-offs. You identify other people that are somehow connected in with that organization. Many times you really may never get the original target. In this case we did get the original target plus a couple of other organizations that they did. These people were getting the majority of their cocaine in from Atlanta and then they would distribute it in the Chatham County area to eight or ten other people, and one afternoon during reverses on this where we had a cooperating defendant, we were able to collect about \$120,000/\$130,000 from people showing up to buy kilos of cocaine. Chairman Liakakis asked, and also in that now you took off and some of these raids the amount of drugs was at least a million dollars in street sales? Commander Harris said, yes sir. That was the other investigation we were talking about. Cocaine right now is the highest I've ever seen it being sold in the kilo form. Normally, when you're buying multiple kilos, that is a wholesale. So if you're buy \$300,000 worth, by the time you get it down to the ground level on the street and it's been cut, you're talking \$900,000 to \$1,000,000 in total sales that that would produce.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. And I see through November 18th some information that I received, we'll be distributing that, that since 1994 CNT has arrested, what, 12,007 people. That's a tremendous amount and some of those were major dealers and distributors in our area. Commander Harris said, yes sir, they were and one thing we've changed in the past year, you cannot compare drug arrests. When I arrived here we were doing a lot of jump-outs on street corners, they were doing misdemeanor arrests. We have turned that around where we have within the past year increased our drug arrests one hundred percent toward sales. All sales of drugs are felons. That's what we are concentrating on, so the majority of the arrests we're making now are through sales or major seizures.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, I just wanted for the record to indicate that you have seen now for the last many months the most consequential action I've ever witnessed from CNT since it's inception. There is little or no publicity in the newspaper. You recall that the indictments of Statesboro were the 45 bad guys out of Savannah, Chatham County, I think made the back section or something like that, and that's unfortunate. But also the nature of the work Commander Harris has to be very circumspect in talking even to you about the results of this work. Commander Harris and his team, lead by not just our officers but DEA and GBI, are in the business of putting people off the streets for a long period of time, and that's what he is doing and has done.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, Commander, for the benefit of our Youth Challenge students that are here today, and as they are picking a career to go into, could you recommend going into the life of crime or is that probably a pretty dead-end area as far as drugs and especially in this area.

Commander Harris said, well, to answer that, Commissioner, we used to have a saying that talking to the bad guys, and we really do call them that, is you guys can beat us every day this week; we've only got to beat you one time, and that one time when you go to prison, I can certainly tell you, you will not enjoy it. Although our prisons are pretty nice physical facilities, they're air conditioned and all of that, they're not pleasant places to be, and I think Colonel Holmes is back here from the County, he could get up and tell you that. We have a very nice jail, but we don't have nice people in it and I certainly would not steer anybody toward a life of crime because it's going to be a life where we could pull out on some of these people what we call a rap sheet, that is their arrest sheets, and they are three and four pages long. They start out as juveniles and they never really change their ways. If you get a drug conviction on your record, you think about the number of places that you're not going to be able to get a job. You're not going to be able to be in law enforcement, you won't be able to go into the military, you think a pharmacy is going to hire you to work in their if you're a drug abuser, a doctor's office or any other good jobs. So that's a dead end.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Gellatly.

Commissioner Gellatly said, Commander, I just have an observation, a comment. On the two cases that you referred to, both very significant cases that received very little to no media attention, I recommend that the County Manager and yourself make an appointment to see the editor of the paper and go over this because, as we all know, generally if the *Savannah Morning News* carries a story like that, the other three electronic media will follow, and I would like us to do that. It's been my experience that sometimes you have to do that. Certainly, if you had a screwed up, just one of those cases, any way shape or form, you'd have had screaming headlines whether you like it or not. So I think that it would be appropriate for the Manager and yourself to schedule a meeting, have a talk with them, explain it. You might want to hear their side of it, too. They might be able to tell you what they need from you, you know, for instance assistance from your PIO or a designated PIO who, when you have something like that to offer, to have a way where

you can pick up the phone and say, hey, this is what I've got, you know, because I agree with you, the coverage on that particularly one case was horrible. County Manager Abolt said, we'd be glad to do it, sir.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. Commander, I just want you to know that just as I believe that Chief Berkow is the right man to run the Metro Police Department, I commend you and thank you and I truly believe that you're the best person, human that could be available to possibly run the CNT Unit, and I appreciate everything, everything that you're doing. You've really improved it since you've been here and I really appreciate that. It is pretty amazing to me though from reading through this that you were able actually to arrest anybody and do anything from what I've been reading in the newspaper. It sounds as if we've got a third grader running CNT and there's no good press whatsoever about it. I commend you. You're one hell of a man, one hell of a leader. Keep doing what you're doing and as long as we're doing the right thing, which you're doing, the hell with the Savannah Morning News paper, and you're doing a great job, you're fighting drugs countywide. That's why CNT was created. It was created to fight drugs throughout the entire County and pressure from media to alter that shouldn't be tolerated, and I don't expect a comment or want one from you on this, but thank you very much for fighting crime everywhere. It's structured properly and you, sir, are the right man to have in place. So one thing I'd like for you to possibly do is work with Pete Nichols and once a month, since we can't get any good publicity, the public needs to know what's going on, once a month an hour-long segment running on our government channel, just highlighting things of what's actually taking place and, you know, actually maybe videoing the areas as you're telling the story, and just let people know what's happening. Once a month I would do that and air it many times throughout that month. Also, I think what would be a great thing is we had this newsletter that we send out, just as the Chairman has a section: *The Chairman's Message*, I would love for you to have CNT's little update. And, you know, yes, I know I may have just committed political suicide because they have all the ink in the world and they can write what they want, but right's right and wrong's wrong. We can't beat them, but we do have — we can't beat them being the media, we're going to beat the druggies — but we can't advertise as the media can, but we do have some avenues out there available that we can utilize much better than we are utilizing and I would encourage you to let's get out there and use there and, you know, someone that wants to find out what we're doing, they'll be able to find out the whole story rather than parts. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much, Commander Harris. Helen [Stone]?

Commissioner Stone said, just real briefly, I was going to make the same suggestion that Dean [Kicklighter] did about the public channel, the government channel running our information on that, but also I would like to add one thing. Personal experience in my district of when I needed help with CNT, it was immediate and it made a huge difference. So what — your presence is important, it is working, and I just want you to know that I've noticed it in my area and I will continue to monitor it and to be in touch with you through the County Manager when the need arises. But, yes, we need to get this information out. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Thank you very much, Commander Harris.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commander Roy Harris gave an oral report on the activities of the Counter Narcotics Team for the month of October 2008.

Chatham Savannah
Counter Narcotics Team
Monthly Report
October
2008

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Search Warrants executed: 1
2. Consent to search: 3
3. During the week of October 14, 2008, CNT assisted ICE with an active investigation involving approximately 4,500 pounds of marijuana that arrived in a shipping container. CNT assisted by providing agents for a 24 hour surveillance operation. ICE maintained the surveillance for several days. ICE is still actively working the investigation to identify suspects involved.
4. CNT assisted SCMPD in reference to a kidnapping case. Several subjects kidnapped a female and held her for ransom from a previous drug debt. As a result of the assistance, SCMPD was able to locate and arrest 3 subjects in connection with the kidnapping.
5. CNT and DEA Agents conducted a Red Ribbon Week presentation for the Hodge Elementary School 5th grade class. Red Ribbon Week encourages students to pledge to abstain from illegal drug use. This forum gave Agents an opportunity to interact with the students and answer their questions about drugs and the dangers associated with illegal narcotics.
6. Investigations assisted SCMPD by locating a burglary suspect. Agents were in the area conducting surveillance and overheard radio traffic concerning a burglary suspect fleeing. Agents observed the

subject and pursued on foot. After a brief chase the suspect was caught without further incident. The suspect was turned over to SCMPD.

7. CNT taught a Methamphetamine Awareness class at the annual Teen Summit held at the Civic Center. This event was sponsored by the City of Savannah, and agents presented the material to approximately 40 students.

UNDERCOVER BUYS	
Buys	Number
Undercover Buys	26

SHORT – LONG TERM NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS*	
Investigations	Number
Investigations Initiated During the month	16
Active Investigations from prior months	82
Active Joint Investigations with other agencies (DEA, AFT, IRS, etc.)	5
Total Number of Active Investigations	88
Total Number of Active Investigations Cleared (Arrest, E.C., Unfounded)	10

* Not including on-view arrests

DRUGS SEIZED			
Drug Type	Value	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	70.1 Grams	\$7,010
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	22.4 Grams	\$2,240
Methamphetamine	\$100 per gram**	N/A	N/A
Marijuana	\$140 per ounce*	8.7 Ounces	\$1,220
Ecstasy	\$25 Dosage Unit	1 D/U	\$25
Misc Pills	Various	2,489 D/U	N/A
LSD	\$10 Dosage Unit	110 D/U	\$1,100

* Source: Office National Drug Control Policy

** Source: Established regional average price

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

WEAPONS SEIZED	
Firearms (including hand guns and long guns)	4

PERSONS ARRESTED*	
Powder Cocaine – Possession	2
Powder Cocaine – Possession with Intent to Distribute / Manufacture / Sale	8
Powder Cocaine – Trafficking	0
Crack Cocaine – Possession	2
Crack Cocaine – Possession with Intent to Distribute / Manufacture / Sale	6

Crack Cocaine – Trafficking	0
Marijuana – Possession	2
Marijuana – Possession with Intent to Distribute / Manufacture / Sale	4
Marijuana – Trafficking	0
Methamphetamine – Possession / Manufacture / Sale	0
MDMA / Ecstasy Sales / Possession / Trafficking	0
Prescription Drugs – Fraud / Forgery / Possession / Sale	8
Heroin Possession/Sales	0
Criminal Attempt to Possess Controlled Substances	0
Non-Drug Related Offenses**	3
Possession of Drug Related Objects	0
Conspiracy to Violate the GA Controlled Substance Act	0
Total Arrests	35

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

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

ADOPTION CASES FROM OTHER AGENCIES	
AGENCY	OFFENSE
10/18/08 - SCMPD	Possession of a C/S - Cocaine

ASSET FORFEITURES	
US Currency Seized (Initiated forfeiture proceedings)	\$7,238.00
US Currency Awarded	\$6,912.00
Motor Vehicles Seized (Initiated forfeiture proceedings)	2
Motor Vehicles Awarded	1998 Honda
Personal Property Awarded	N/A

DRUG COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED		
Drug Complaints	Received	Assigned
Project Log/Official Complaints	2	2
Green Sheets/ Outside Agencies	7	7
Hot line/ Call-In Complaints	15	14
Crime Stopper Complaints	28	18

COMMUNITY MEETINGS
Sergeants and/or agents attended the following Community Meetings:

<p>1. On October 21, 2008, Commander Harris attended a Community Action meeting held at Precinct 3 and spoke on the topic of drug awareness.</p> <p>2. On October 25, 2008, Lieutenant Smith and Agent Peter Delatorre attended a Teen Summit sponsored by the City of Savannah. The Summit was held at the Civic Center and CNT presented a class on Meth Awareness.</p> <p>3. On October 27th-30th, Commander Harris attended NIMS ICS 300 certification at the GPTC.</p> <p>4. On October 31st, Captain McBurney and Lieutenant Mitchell attended a monthly CLEO (Coastal Law Enforcement Officers) meeting held at SCAD.</p>	<p>**In addition to these monthly meetings and activities the following are done every month:</p> <p>-Every Monday Commander Harris attends the SCMPD Command Staff meeting at headquarters.</p> <p>-Every Wednesday, Captain McBurney and our intelligence agent attend a Compstat meeting held at SCMPD headquarters. This meeting addresses current statistics, crime trends and other activities that occurred during the week in the various Precincts.</p>
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TRAINING STATISTICS		
Course Title	Agents Trained	Course hours per Agent
NIMS – Intermediate ICS (IS300)	1	24
Search Warrants & Affidavits, Advanced	1	24
SCMPD NIMS Training	2	40
5-Day Block Training	1	40
In-Service Training	21	1

DRUG INVESTIGATION

HOURS WORKED BY ZONE

SCMPD – West Chatham Precinct	1,049
SCMPD – Downtown Precinct	193
SCMPD – Central Precinct	874
SCMPD – Southside Precinct	234
SCMPD – Islands Precinct	77
TOTAL	2427
Garden City	76
Port Wentworth	9
Bloomingtondale	4
Pooler	38
Thunderbolt	0
Tybee Island	13
TOTAL	140
Out of County (Task Force Operations, etc.)	31
Assistance Rendered to Outside Agencies	160
Training	189
Court Hours	95
TOTAL	475
Total Hours Worked	3042

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7. REQUEST BOARD ADOPT A RESOLUTION WHICH AUTHORIZES CHATHAM COUNTY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A GATEWAY GRANT FOR A STATE ROUTE 26 (US 80) MEDIAN BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT. [DISTRICT 4.]

Chairman Liakakis said, now next we add another item to this where we had a request – Board adopt a resolution which authorizes Chatham County to submit an application for Gateway Grant for a State Route 26 (US80) Median Beautification Project. We need a motion on the floor.

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

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to place on the agenda the request to adopt a resolution which authorizes Chatham County to submit an application for a Gateway Grant for a State Route 26 (US 80) Median Beautification Project to be considered with the actions on the Action Calendar. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-7
AGENDA DATE: November 21, 2008

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

ISSUE:
 To adopt a resolution which authorizes Chatham County to submit an application for a GATEWAY grant for a State Route 26 (US 80) median beautification project.

BACKGROUND:
 The 2003-2008 SPLOST includes a beautification project for S.R. 26 (US 80) along the planted median from Turner's Creek to the Bull River Bridge. This is the only planted median on S.R. 26–East which the Olympic Beautification project did not plant (the roadway did not become widened until after the Olympics).

- FACTS & FINDINGS:**
1. The resolution (attached) would authorize an application for GDOT's GATEWAY grant program. The program is designed for local governments to partner with GDOT on landscaping projects on state highways which serve as gateways to Georgia.
 2. Staff selected the S.R. 26 median project from Turner's Creek to Bull River Bridge because of the following:
 - 2.1 S.R. 26 meets all of the grant criteria–location on a state route and an important gateway to the East Islands area and Tybee Island.
 - 2.2 The project remains the only unimproved median along S.R. 26–East. Chatham County partnered with GDOT on the other medians as part of the Olympic Beautification Program.
 - 2.3 SPLOST funds are designated for the project; however, the county funds are not sufficient, and the state funds would supplement funding for the project.
 - 2.4 The project is already designed. It will present a coastal landscape with low-watering needs and minimal maintenance. In addition, staff is working with local businesses on an Adopt-A-Highway agreement.
 3. Chatham County will likely contract with the Savannah Tree Foundation for the planting project. As with the pilot program for planting Mother Mathilda Beasley Park, STF will manage the project as well as oversee the three-year warranty.
 4. After the grow-in and warranty period, Public Works & Parks Services will maintain the median (same as other U.S. 80 medians).

FUNDING:
 The 2003-2008 SPLOST includes the U.S. 80 (S.R. 26) median beautification.

- ALTERNATIVES:**
1. That the Board adopt the resolution as presented.
 2. That the Board take no action.

POLICY ANALYSIS:
 GDOT's GATEWAY grant enables Chatham County to stretch the local dollars committed to the highway beautification project.

RECOMMENDATION:
 That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

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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, next is the Action Calendar. We have Items 1 through 8 and under Item 8 we have Items A through M. Do we have any particular items that any of the Commissioners would like to hold out for any of those of the Action Calendar, otherwise I call for someone to make a motion.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, 8-G. Chairman Liakakis asked, 8-G? Commissioner Kicklighter said, 8-G. Chairman Liakakis said, okay, 8-G.

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

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, we have a motion on the floor to approve all items except 8-G. Commissioner Stone said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, we have a second on that. Let's go on the board. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve Items 1 through 8-M, except Item 8-G. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

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

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1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2008, AS MAILED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 7, 2008. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 30, 2008, THROUGH NOVEMBER 12, 2008.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period October 30, 2008, through November 12, 2008, in the amount of \$4,792,973. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

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**3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE FUNDING AN ADVANCED WARNING FLASHING BEACON SIGN SYSTEM FOR THE FIRE STATION UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON ISLANDS EXPRESSWAY BY THE SOUTHSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT.
[DISTRICT 3.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve funding an Advanced Warning Flashing Beacon Sign System for the fire station under construction on Islands Expressway by the Southside Fire Department. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3
AGENDA DATE: November 21, 2008

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

ISSUE: To approve funding an advanced warning flashing beacon sign system for the fire station under construction on Islands Expressway by the Southside Fire Department (SSFD).

BACKGROUND: SSFD is constructing a new fire station on Islands Expressway within the city limits of Savannah. The fire station will have access on Islands Expressway (County owned and maintained) via a new curb cut across from Riverview Drive. As a condition of approving a right of way encroachment permit for improvements within the Islands Expressway right of way, the Department of Engineering is requiring an advanced warning flashing beacon sign system be installed to alert road users when a fire truck is leaving the station for an emergency.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. The Department of Engineering reviewed construction access plans and determined that the advanced warning flashing beacon sign system is warranted. The flashing warning beacons will only be activated on emergency calls.
- 2. SSFD will design, install and pay for the advanced warning flashing beacon sign system. The design will meet the requirements of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and the Georgia Department of Transportation Standards and Specifications.
- 3. Chatham County will reimburse SSFD in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for labor, equipment and material costs associated with installing said improvements.
- 4. SSFD will pay maintenance and energy costs associated with the sign system.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. To approve funding an advanced warning flashing beacon sign system for the fire station currently under construction on Islands Expressway by the SSFD.
- 2. To not approve funding the new sign system.

FUNDING: Funds are available in the 1985-1993 SPLOST, Intersection Improvements, (Fund/Department 320-4220, Account Code 54.14011, Project 320-55597).

POLICY ANALYSIS: The Board must approve public/private partnership agreements.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commissioners adopt Alternative No. 1.

District 3

PREPARED BY: Nathaniel Panther

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4. REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR THE FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION OF PROPERTY AT 2 CLARENDON ROAD AND TO PROVIDE A LOCAL MATCH OF \$137,025.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to authorize the Chairman to sign a grant application to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency for the flood hazard mitigation of property at 2 Clarendon Road and to provide a local match of \$137,025. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4
AGENDA DATE: November 21, 2008

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

ISSUE: To authorize the Chairman to sign a grant application to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) for the flood hazard mitigation of property at 2 Clarendon Road and to provide a local match of \$137,025.

BACKGROUND: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program makes funding available to local governments for the purpose of mitigating repetitive flood loss properties by reducing or eliminating the potential for damage. The Department of Engineering received approval notice of the grant on October 20, 2008 via a letter from GEMA for a repetitive loss residential property at 2 Clarendon Road.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. The grant application has been approved by the GEMA. Chatham County will be authorized to proceed after the Grantee-Subgrantee Agreement is signed by both parties.
- 2. The FMA Grant legislation requires a 25% local match to the Federal funds in the form of cash. This grant provides for \$548,100 [the Federal share is \$411,075 and the local match is \$137,025].
- 3. The funds must be spent within 180 days from the date the Notice-To-Proceed is received from the GEMA.
- 4. The Property Acquisition, Statement of Voluntary Participation agreement between the "Sub-grantee", or Chatham County, and the "Seller", or Mr. Christopher T. Newton, was

made and entered into on March 13, 2008. This agreement will expire on June 1, 2009, unless the Seller has voluntarily sold the property to Sub-grantee by that date.

FUNDING: Funding is available in the 2003-2008 SPLOST, Drainage/Flood Hazard Mitigation/Mapping (Fund/Department 3234210, Project No. 32380433, Account No. 54.11001).

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. To authorize the Chairman to sign a grant application to the GEMA for the flood hazard mitigation of the property at 2 Clarendon Road and provide a local match of \$137,025.
- 2. To not authorize the grant application.

POLICY ANALYSIS: Through the years the County has mitigated numerous flood damaged properties using funds from similar grant programs. Successful flood mitigation projects protect and eliminate the potential for flood damage.

RECOMMENDATION: To approve Alternative No. 1.

District 4

PREPARED BY: Michael B. Blakely

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5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO CONVEY CHATHAM COUNTY'S INTEREST IN A PROPERTY ON DAWES AVENUE TO THE CITY OF SAVANNAH. [DISTRICT 8.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the request to convey Chatham County's interest in an property on Dawes Avenue to the City of Savannah. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-5
AGENDA DATE: November 21, 2008

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Patrick Monahan, Asst. County Manager

ISSUE:
To convey Chatham County's interest in a property on Dawes Avenue to the City of Savannah.

BACKGROUND:
The City of Savannah has requested that Chatham County quit claim its interest in 0 Dawes Avenue. Chatham County does not own marketable title to the property, since a Bar of Redemption became the instrument to establish county interest in the property.

- FACTS & FINDINGS:**
- 1. The property of interest is 0 Dawes Avenue (PIN 2-0595-07-022) with a legal description as "Lot 29, Ogeechee Heights Subdivision" in the City of Savannah. The property is 30 x 100 feet. It would be assembled with other parcels for a passive park.
 - 2. Chatham County holds interest in the property through a tax deed and subsequent Bar of Redemption. While not marketable title, a tax deed can be used as an entry to acquire a title warranty through quiet title. The City would assume this requirement.

FUNDING:
Not applicable.

- ALTERNATIVES:**
- 1. That the Board authorize convey the property described above to the City of Savannah.
 - 2. That the Board proceed with disposition through a public auction.
 - 3. That the Board not take any action on the property described above.

POLICY ANALYSIS:
Under Georgia law (O.C.G.A. 36-9-3 et. al.), Chatham County must follow certain procedures in the disposition of any public interest held in property. However, the Georgia Constitution authorizes that conveyances between two governments can be handled without the usual requirements of a public sale or notice.

RECOMMENDATION:
That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

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6. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN JUVENILE COURT AND RECOVERY PLACE OF SAVANNAH TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE FAMILY DEPENDENCY TREATMENT COURT PARTICIPANTS.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the request to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between Juvenile Court and Recovery Place of Savannah to provide services to the Family Dependency Treatment Court participants. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-6
AGENDA DATE: November 21, 2008

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Crystal Cooper, Juvenile Court Administrator

ISSUE: To request approval for a Memorandum of Understanding between Juvenile Court and Recovery Place of Savannah to provide services to the Family Dependency Treatment Court participants.

BACKGROUND: Recovery Place of Savannah has been providing treatment to the families in our Family Dependency Treatment Court since it's inception in January of 2008.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Family Dependency Treatment Court has been awarded a grant by the Administrative Office of the Courts that includes funding for the Celebrating Families and Strengthening Families Programs.
2. The use of grant funds for the purpose outlined has been approved by the grantors.
3. This agreement will remain in effect as long as grant funds are available for this purpose. The annual amount will not exceed \$9,720.

FUNDING:

Funds are budgeted in the Multiple Grant Fund (2502600 25020150 52.11001).

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1, The Board approves the agreement between the Family Dependency Treatment Court and Recovery Place as it is written.
2. The Board denies approval and directs other action.

POLICY ANALYSIS: Having a Memorandum of Understanding with agencies providing services is consistent with Board policy.

RECOMMENDATION: Board approval of Alternative 1.

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7. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MOTOROLA, INC., FOR THE SECOND PHASE OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS (PSIC) GRANT PROJECT.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the request to enter into an agreement with Motorola, Inc., for the second phase of the Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant Project. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-7 See also IX-1 and X-8-H
AGENDA DATE: November 21, 2008

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Lewis, Leonard, ICS Director

ISSUE: To enter into an agreement with Motorola Inc. for the second phase of the Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) grant project.

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

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. On April 11, 2008, Governor Perdue notified Chatham County that it would be granted \$7,711,808 in PSIC funds to enhance and expand the Public Safety Radio System.
2. The first activity under the grant was to establish a Project 25 Master Site serving all the participating jurisdictions in the Southeast Georgia Regional Radio Network (SEGARRN). The Commission approved this agreement on June 27, 2008
3. Phase II of the project is to establish a three-site ASTRO Simulcast Overlay System for the use of the City of Savannah and Chatham County.
4. The negotiated contract price for the three-site Simulcast Overlay System is \$2,599,712.
5. The match required for this investment is \$519,942.40.
6. The City of Savannah will provide one half the match amount, leaving \$259,971.20 the responsibility of Chatham County.
7. The remaining County share, \$259,971.20 will most likely be met by other jurisdictions participating in the grant, purchasing items for the Radio System.

FUNDING:

Primary funding source is Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) grant from Georgia Emergency Management Agency-Office of Homeland Security (GEMA-OHS) Disbursements from other jurisdiction in the region are eligible as matching funds.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Authorize the Chairman to execute a purchase agreement with Motorola Inc for a Astro 25, three site, ten channel Simulcast System.
2. Decline further participation in the PSIC grant program.

RECOMMENDATION:

Alternative # 1

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8. 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 contract with automatic renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to provide pest control services for the County	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Cox Termite and Pest Control, Inc.	\$18,740	•General Fund/M&O - Various •SSD - Various
B. Amend contract to extend on a month to month basis to provide concession, custodial and security services at the Tybee Pier and Pavilion	Parks and Recreation	Sweet Dreams Ice Cream, Inc.	Same terms and conditions	Revenue Producing
C. One year contract extension to provide inmate health care	Detention Center	Prison Health Services	\$4,571,670	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
D. 4,500 tons of crusher run aggregate material	Engineering	Martin Marietta Materials	Not to Exceed \$79,875	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Hardin Canal Drainage Improvements
E. Haul 4,500 tons of crusher run aggregate material	Engineering	Mitchell and Son Trucking	Not to Exceed \$13,050	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Hardin Canal Drainage Improvements

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
F. Haul 100 loads of clearing debris	Engineering	Mitchell and Son Trucking	Not to Exceed \$11,000	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Hardin Canal Drainage Improvements
G. Annual contract with automatic renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year term for the maintenance of video security equipment	Sheriff	SFI Electronics	\$17,925	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff
H. Agreement for the second phase of the Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant project for a ASTRO 25 three-site Simulcast overlay system	I.C.S.	Motorola, Inc.	\$2,599,712	Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant project (Pending Board approval of budget amendment)
I. Approve "short list" of four (4) firms for final competition for the "Business Process Redesign" for Permitting and Inspection Approval process for Chatham County	•Building Safety and Regulatory Services •Engineering •Metropolitan Planning Commission	•KPMG •The North Highland Company •Orion Development Group •Tact Consulting	N/A	No funding required at this time
J. Annual price agreement for the "as needed" "funds available" purchase of police vehicles	Fleet Operations	Akins Ford	Base Price \$20,768	•General Fund/M&O - Various •SSD - Various •SPLOST (2003-2008) - Vehicle Replacement •CIP - Vehicle Replacement
K. Contract to provide consulting services for research and make recommendations to the County on which Medicare Advantage Plans would be most advantageous for the County and its retirees	Human Resources and Services	The Hay Group	Not to Exceed \$75,000	Health Claims
L. Change Order No. 1 to the contract for Little Neck Road intersection improvements for additional work	Engineering	Griffin Contracting, Inc.	\$55,683	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Little Neck Road Intersection improvement
M. Renew building, contents, computer and related property insurance coverage	Finance	Wachovia/Wells Fargo	\$551,823	Risk Management Fund

As to Items 8-A through 8-M, except Item 8-G:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve Items 8-A through 8-M, except Item 8-H. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

As to Item 8-G:

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is an annual contract with Automatic Renewal Options for four additional one-year terms for maintenance of video security equipment in the amount of \$17,925. My question would be do we have a technical maintenance employee on staff, on the County's staff or a few of them by any chance that handles computer maintenance and video surveillance maintenance — and I'm asking — this is not — I'm thinking of a way to save money with what's coming up. Not a reflection, because I know we have to keep them up to date, but do we on the County's side, Russ [Abolt].

County Manager Abolt said, we do but there's no correlation with what the Sheriff is asking for. This is very sophisticated equipment and, as we do with all of our sophisticated computers, we have a very good staff but we always compliment and supplement that with a maintenance contract.

County Attorney Hart said, the other issue there is that when you do maintenance, in-house maintenance on a lot of this technical equipment, it breaches your warranty on the equipment.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. As far as the warranty or whatever, does the \$18,000 actually involve like including replacement parts and things like that? Colonel McArthur Holmes said, the contract for this particular cameras, it will include parts and labor. Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. And I guess my other question was do we have a figure then for — in other words, when we start renewing in the future, would it be better financial policy for us to try to streamline all surveillance equipment throughout all County employees where we can utilize one person and maybe get one \$18,000 — and this again does not involve you. I'm going to vote to approve this, but just looking

at the future where we can put it all under one and maybe hire one brilliant person rather than \$18,000 at the Courthouse, \$18,000 at the Jail —.

County Manager Abolt said, I appreciate brilliance but I'm not aware of any one person that would have that type of brilliance because the technology is so fast evolving that I would hate to come to you and say I've got the person, man or woman, that can provide the type of technology and experience because it would be probably very easy to describe the situation where the technology, you know, newly birthed would have little or no familiarity with that person. So you're much better served by a maintenance contract for the reasons that the County Attorney has said and also for understanding that we want to always encourage the latest and best and we do not want to, for example, not make an award on certain equipment because that very smart person is not familiar with it.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and I understand and I'm just trying to look at the big picture and save people's jobs —. County Manager Abolt said, we appreciate it. Commissioner Kicklighter said, — because we're going to have major cuts coming and possibly problems and that's all, and the Board of Education I know they have a few technical maintenance operators that actually keeps all of their computers and everything up and running as well as their surveillance cameras and everything for the entire Board of Education, which is the largest public employer in the County.

Colonel Holmes said, my point is there are three major companies in this area that deal with surveillance cameras to the level that we need and you want to keep that competitive edge by keeping all three of them basically bidding against each other.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I understand and I'll make a motion to approve.

Commissioner Odell said, I'll second and I've got a question for Major [sic] Holmes, if I might. Commissioner Gellatly said, Colonel. Chairman Liakakis said, go ahead. Commissioner Odell said, Colonel. I wasn't in the military. Commissioner Gellatly said, he gets angry. Commissioner Odell said, the cameras, are these for cameras also in the lobby? Colonel Holmes said, the cameras that we're talking about here are basically cameras that are in the courtrooms and it will include the lobby of the courthouse itself. It's separate from the cameras that are in the jail. Commissioner Odell said, right. How long do you keep those video images? Colonel Holmes said, well, it depends. We have the capability of keeping them on file for as long as we need them. Ordinarily we keep that video anywhere from about 30 to 90 days according to where the cameras are. Commissioner Odell said, at some point it might be worthy of consideration for us to look at downloading it to CD, which we can store. Colonel Holmes said, we have that capability. Commissioner Odell said, right, and I'd like to see us keep them for at least six months, and the reason I say that is that now what we have is we have an economy that is going south, which to me from a, as an attorney, you're going to have more stealing other people's identification. We will arrest you if you come to the jail to visit Uncle Buck and you've got warrants out. If we can identify you, you're going to be arrested. So what they do is they steal other people's identification and come in and use that and they also use that identification to go out and open checking accounts and what have you. There are two cases that I'm referring to and while we're on this, if we could consider the length that we keep those, I'd appreciate it. Colonel Holmes said, we have the ability to keep them as long as we want.

Commissioner Odell said, thank you. We have — Dean [Kicklighter] made the motion?

Chairman Liakakis said, it's already been seconded also. Listen, Dean [Kicklighter], so you'll know this, too. If that special surveillance equipment has special software, one of the things about it, we have to pay for the license and the County pays a huge amount of licensing for all of this software that we have in place. In fact, it's generally on a yearly basis and I sign that, and I've asked the County Manager on numerous occasions to make sure that we can do whatever we can to keep those cost factors down because it's a huge amount of money. Now in this surveillance equipment because we put up a lot of sophisticated equipment ourselves out there, but if it's something with special software and we don't have the license, you have to go directly to those people that have that software, and if you get the software, then you have to pay usually on an annual basis so it costs lots and lots of money, so look at it in that respect to save ourselves money, especially with our engineers and technicians that work for our company.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I understand. Just trying to start the —.

Chairman Liakakis said, I just wanted to let you know, but that's a good idea. Commissioner Kicklighter said, thinking of reducing some costs coming up because it's going to have to have —.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve Items 8-A through 8-M, except Item 8-G. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve Item 8-G. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

AGENDA ITEM: X-8 A thru M
AGENDA DATE: November 21, 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 to award an \$18,740 annual contract, with automatic renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Cox Termite and Pest Control, Inc. of Savannah, to provide Pest Control Services to various departments and agencies of Chatham County.

BACKGROUND: The annual contract for pest control services provides monthly pest control services to 37 Chatham County facilities.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The bid was properly advertised and mailed to five (5) prospective firms, and publicly opened on 4 November 2008. Responses are as follows:

Cox Termite and Pest Control, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$18,740/Year
Ideal Pest Control, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$19,120/Year
Yates Astro Termite & Pest Control Savannah, GA	\$19,330/Year
2. Bidders' were required to attend a mandatory prebid/site visitation which included several critical County facilities. All three (3) bidders were represented at this meeting.
3. Contract specifications required each bidder to provide individual facility monthly rates, licenses, insurance, references, and a listing of all chemicals used as per OSHA requirements. Specifications also included automatic contract renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms.
4. Staff believes the bid from Cox Termite and Pest Control, Inc. to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award an \$18,740 annual contract, with automatic renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Cox Termite and Pest Control, Inc. of Savannah, to provide Pest Control Services to various departments and agencies of Chatham County.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval of an amendment to extend, on a month to month basis, the annual contract with Sweet Dreams Ice Cream, Inc., to provide concession, custodial and security services at the Tybee Pier and Pavilion

BACKGROUND: On 25 April 2003, the Board approved the award of an annual contract with automatic renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to Sweet Dreams Ice Cream to provide concession, custodial and security services at the Tybee Pier and Pavilion.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Currently, Purchasing has advertised an Invitation to Bid scheduled to open 10 December 2008. A transition period may be needed if there is a change with the current vendor. The custodial and security services are required during this transition period.
2. Sweet Dreams has agreed to a month to month extension, with all terms and conditions remaining the same.

FUNDING: N/A - Revenue Generating

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of an amendment to extend, on a month to month basis, the annual contract with Sweet Dreams Ice Cream, Inc., to provide concession, custodial and security services at the Tybee Pier and Pavilion

2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to extend contracts when it is in the best interest of the County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval of an additional one (1) year extension in accordance with contract provisions and an amendment to the contract, with Prison Health Services (PHS) of Brentwood, TN, with all other terms and conditions remaining the same, to provide inmate health care for the Detention Center.

BACKGROUND: On 23 January 2004, the Board approved an annual contract with renewal options, up to four (4) additional one (1) year terms with Prison Health Services (PHS) to provide inmate health care for the Detention Center.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Consumer Price Index Medical Care Services, South increase is made annually according to the terms of the contract. The annual renewal option cost of \$4,374,804 will include a 4.5% CPI increase of \$196,804.
2. The CPI increase and changes in the financial aspects are as follows:

08 Annual Base Compensation	\$4,374,804
CPI Increase South Medical Services (4.5%)	<u>\$ 196,866</u>
09 Adjusted Annual Base Compensation	\$4,571,670
Adjusted Monthly-based Compensation	\$ 380,973
08 Population per Diem (over 1300)	\$ 4.38
CPI Increase (4.5%)	<u>\$.20</u>
09 Adjusted Population per Diem	\$ 4.58

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
(1003326 - 52.12006)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of an additional one (1) year extension in accordance with contract provisions and an amendment to the contract, with Prison Health Services (PHS) of Brentwood, TN, with all other terms and conditions remaining the same, to provide inmate health care for the Detention Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide medical services to inmates.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval for the not to exceed \$79,875 purchase of crusher run aggregate material from Martin Marietta Materials for the Hardin Canal Drainage Improvements project.

BACKGROUND: The Hardin Canal project is a part of the 1998 - 2003, SPLOST County Drainage Program. The project is located between SR 307 and Southbridge Boulevard in Unincorporated Chatham County. Inadequate capacity of the canal and the inability to maintain the existing canal and culverts causes water to flood structures, area streets and residential yards. Acquisition of drainage rights of way is complete along this section of the canal.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Work is underway to improve maintenance for access under a separate construction contract. The crusher run aggregate material will be incorporated into the work by the contractor. When necessary environmental permits to widen the canal to widen the canal are received, the improved access will facilitate the canal and culvert improvements.
2. Quotations to supply construction materials were obtained from local vendors. Due to the cost of hauling, only local vendors are able to supply up to 4,500 tons of crusher run aggregate material at a competitive price. The quotes are as follows:

Martin Marietta Materials (\$17.75/ton) \$79,875
Augusta, GA

Carroll and Carroll (\$19.85/ton) \$85,325
Savannah, GA

- Staff believes that the price quoted by Martin Marietta Materials is reasonable and is responsive to the requirements of the County.

FUNDING: SPLOST (1998 - 2003) - Hardin drainage project
(3224250 - 54.14021 - 32280227)

ALTERNATIVES:

- Board approve the not to exceed \$79,875 purchase of crusher run aggregate material from Martin Marietta Materials for the Hardin Canal Drainage Improvements project.
- Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases in amounts above \$10,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval for the not to exceed \$13,050 purchase to haul crusher run aggregate material from Mitchell and Son Trucking, LLP for the Hardin Canal Drainage Improvements project.

BACKGROUND: The Hardin Canal project is a part of the 1998 - 2003, SPLOST County Drainage Program. The project is located between SR 307 and Southbridge Boulevard in Unincorporated Chatham County. Inadequate capacity of the canal and the inability to maintain the existing canal and culverts causes water to flood structures, area streets and residential yards. Acquisition of drainage rights of way is complete along this section of the canal.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- Work is underway to improve maintenance for access under a separate construction contract. The crusher run aggregate material will be incorporated into the work by the contractor. When necessary environmental permits to widen the canal are received, the improved access will facilitate the canal and culvert improvements.
- Quotations to haul 4,500 tons of construction material were obtained from local vendors. Due to the cost of travel, the following local vendors are able to haul crusher run aggregate material at a competitive price. The quotes are as follows:

Mitchell and Son Trucking (\$2.90/ton) \$13,050
Rincon, GA

Doray Builders, Inc. (\$3.10/ton) \$13,950
Beaufort, SC

Cripple Creek Trucking (\$3.35/ton) \$15,075
Walterboro, SC

- Staff believes that the price quoted by Mitchell and Son Trucking is reasonable and is responsive to the requirements of the County.

FUNDING: SPLOST (1998 - 2003) - Hardin drainage project
(3224250 - 54.14021 - 32280227)

ALTERNATIVES:

- Board approve the not to exceed \$13,050 purchase to haul crusher run aggregate material from Mitchell and Son Trucking, LLP for the Hardin Canal Drainage Improvements project.
- Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____

ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval for the not to exceed \$11,000 purchase to haul clearing debris to Mitchell and Son Trucking, LLP, for the Hardin Canal Drainage Improvements project.

BACKGROUND: The Hardin Canal project is a part of the 1998 - 2003 SPLOST County Drainage Program. The project is located between SR 307 and Southbridge Boulevard in Unincorporated Chatham County. Inadequate capacity of the canal and the inability to maintain the existing canal and culverts causes water to flood structures, area streets and residential yards. Acquisition of drainage rights of way is complete along this section of the canal.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Work is underway to improve maintenance for access under a separate construction contract. Removal of clearing debris from the site is required. When necessary environmental permits to widen the canal are received, the improved access will facilitate the canal and culvert improvements.
2. Quotations to haul debris were obtained from local vendors. Due to the cost of travel, the following local vendors are able to haul clearing debris at a competitive price. The quotes are as follows:

Mitchell and Son Trucking Rincon, GA	(\$110/load)	\$11,000
Doray Builders, Inc. Beaufort, SC	(\$120/load)	\$12,000
Cripple Creek Trucking Walterboro, SC	(\$135/load)	\$13,500
3. Staff believes that the price quoted by Mitchell and Son Trucking is reasonable and is responsive to the requirements of the County.

FUNDING: SPLOST (1998 - 2003) - Hardin drainage project
(3224250 - 54.14021 - 32280227)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approve the not to exceed \$11,000 purchase to haul clearing debris to Mitchell and Son Trucking, LLP, for the Hardin Canal Drainage Improvements project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award an annual contract with automatic renewals options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms for Maintenance of Video Security Equipment for Chatham County Sheriff Department to SFI Electronics of Charleston, SC.

BACKGROUND: Chatham County has an extensive array of video security equipment that has been deployed at numerous county sites. Much of this equipment is no longer under warranty, but must be maintained continually to ensure security.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Request for Bids were properly advertised and mailed to four (4) vendors, three (3) bids were received and opened on 11 September 2008. The bids from qualifying companies were received as follows:

SFI Electronics Charleston, SC		\$ 17,923
REMOTE Technology Savannah, GA		\$ 26,103
SPEROS		

Savannah, GA \$ 36,750

2. On 27 March 1998, the Board approved a “local preference” policy which, when a firm from outside Chatham County submits the “lowest quote” the policy allows the lowest local vendor to match the “lowest” quote. If the local firm does match the “lowest” quote, the local firm is awarded the purchase. As indicated above, a non-Chatham County firm offered the “lowest low” quote. The Chatham County firm was asked if they would match the outside firms’ quote. As indicated, Remote Technology did not match the “lowest” quote.
3. SFI Electronics met all specifications. Staff believes the cost to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/ Sheriff Department
(1003300 - 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award an annual contract with automatic renewals options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms for Maintenance of Video Security Equipment for Chatham County Sheriff Department to SFI Electronics of Charleston, SC.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM H

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

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

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. On 11 April 2008, Governor Perdue notified Chatham County that it would be granted \$7,711,808 in PSIC funds to enhance and expand the Public Safety Radio System.
2. The Board approved at their 27 June 2008 meeting, the first activity under the grant was to establish a Project 25 Master Site serving all the participating jurisdictions in the Southeast Georgia Regional Radio Network (SEGARRN).
3. Phase II of the project is to establish a three-site ASTRO Simulcast Overlay System for the use of the City of Savannah and Chatham County.
4. The negotiated contract price for the three-site Simulcast Overlay System is \$2,599,712.
5. The match required for this investment is \$519,942.40. The City of Savannah will provide one half the match amount, leaving \$259,971.20 the responsibility of Chatham County.
6. The remaining County share, \$259,971.20 will most likely be met by other jurisdictions participating in the grant, purchasing items for the Radio System.

FUNDING: Multiple Grant Fund - PSIC Grant (Pending Board approval of budget amendment)
(2501535 - 54.25005 - 25023972)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Authorize the Chairman to execute a purchase agreement with Motorola Inc. for the second phase of the Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) grant project.
2. Decline further participation in the PSIC grant program.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

- 4. Hay Group will examine all types of Medicare Advantage plans available in the County. The type of MA plan was recently expanded to include HMOs, PPOs, and Private Fee-For-Service Plans. The analysis will evaluate which type of plan best suits the needs of the retirees, balanced with the administrative complexity of multiple carriers.
- 5. County staff is requesting that the Board approve a contract with the Hay Group to research and make recommendations to the County on which of the Medicare Advantage Plans would be most advantageous for Chatham County and its retirees. The recommendations will include Medicare Advantage provider and estimated cost savings.

FUNDING: Health Claims
(6509130 - 57.30101)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approve the “Not to Exceed” \$75,000 contract with The Hay Group to provide consulting services for research and make recommendations to the County on which Medicare Advantage Plans would be most advantageous for the County and its retirees.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to look at options that would better serve the retirees and Chatham County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
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ITEM L

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order 1 in the amount of \$55,683 to the construction contract with Griffin Contracting, Inc. for additional work for the Little Neck Road Intersection Improvements project.

BACKGROUND: The Little Neck Road Intersection Improvements project involves signaling the intersection of Little Neck Road and US 17 and widening approximately 1,500 linear feet of Little Neck Road from US 17. The project was designed by Thomas & Hutton Engineering Company. It is being constructed by County Contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). On 25 July 2008, the Board approved the award of the construction contract to Griffin Contracting, Inc. Work is underway with a scheduled completion date of 25 January 2009.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. As construction progressed, it became apparent the existing commercial driveways for Laurel Hill Village could not remain in place and accommodate the new turn lane. Staff provided a re-design to the contractor for reconstructing both commercial driveways. Staff denied the contractor’s fee proposals because either the contractor would not agree to staff’s re-design, the time extension was excessive or the fees were excessive.
- 2. Upon staff’s direction for the contractor to proceed with the work by “force account,” the contractor agreed to materials, time and cost. The change order does not provide for a time extension.
- 3. Contract history:

Original contract (7-25-08)	\$446,569
Change Order 1 (pending)	<u>55,683</u>
Revised contract amount	\$502,252

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - Unincorporated Roads, Little Neck Road / US17
(3234220 - 54.14001 - 32356207)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approve Change Order 1 in the amount of \$55,683 to the construction contract with Griffin Contracting, Inc. for additional work for the Little Neck Road Intersection Improvements project.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM M

ISSUE: Request Board approval to renew building, contents, computer and related property insurance coverage based on renewal quotations provided by the County’s broker of record, Wachovia/Wells Fargo.

BACKGROUND: The County currently insures \$244 million of building, contents and computer equipment through Travelers, Cincinnati and Hartford Insurance Companies.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Underwriting restrictions with regard to coastal and governmental property requires the continued use of the existing three insurance carriers. A summary of all insurance carriers contacted and their responses are attached (see attached page 17).
2. Overall, insurance rates have been reduced, however, the annual premium for EDP (Computers) has increased based on an \$800,000 change in values according to the annual appraisal update.
3. The following is a summary of renewal quotations from existing carriers:

<u>Insurance Carrier</u>	<u>2006-2008 Expiring Premium</u>	<u>2008-09 Renewal Premium</u>
Travelers		
2007: TIV: \$102,257,450		
2008: TIV: \$105,267,000	\$296,713	\$293,665
Cincinnati		
2007 TIV: \$159,069,675		
2008 TIV: \$140,362,973	\$269,056	\$244,095
Hartford		
Electronic Data Processing	\$ 13,629	\$ 14,063

4. Boiler/Machinery and Certified Terrorism are included in renewal premiums.
5. A summary of the combined quotations from Travelers, Cincinnati and Hartford are attached (see attached pages 18-29).
6. The Tybee Pavilion, Library and various communications equipment are covered under a separate property policy with a renewal date of May 3, 2009.
7. The Tybee Pier is not insurable.

FUNDING: Risk Management Fund – Insurance and Surety Bond Premium
(6259922 - 52.31021)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board authorize Risk Manager to renew property coverage as quoted by Travelers, Cincinnati and Hartford with a total annual premium of \$551,823
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: Insurance carriers continue to place underwriting restrictions on coastal and government property. Existing carriers have maintained coverage levels and decreased annual premiums per \$100 of valuation.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

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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RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

Chairman Liakakis said, what I'd like to do right now is recognize Crystal Cooper, who is the Administrator for Juvenile Court, who is our United Way Chairperson and has done an excellent job. Commissioner Gellatly said, she just walked out. Chairman Liakakis said, oh, okay. Commissioner Gellatly said, here she is. Chairman Liakakis said, hey, Crystal [Cooper], we want to thank you on behalf of the Chatham County Commission the good job that you are doing for United Way because we have a lot of County employees now that participate in that and help in the community in putting their resources into that.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman and again Commissioners Thomas, Stone, gentlemen, this is very timely. Last night in your mail, and I know it was a very busy mail we gave you last night, but I was happy to announce to the success of what amounts to the very best campaign for United Way of this County organization in history. It's due in large part to Ms. Cooper and the way in which she organized it. It's also bottom line, we have some extremely generous, selfless County employees that have over \$100,000 to the United Way Campaign. It's \$10,000 more than last year and over \$25,000 beyond the goal of \$75,000. It begins and ends with some wonderful employees, but it would not happen without the leadership of one special employee, Crystal Cooper.

Ms. Cooper said, thank you. I was honored to be asked to chair this year's campaign and I was amazed and very impressed with the employees of Chatham County. So thank y'all for that opportunity.

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QUESTIONS FROM YOUTH:

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, thank you very much, and what I'd like to ask the Youth Challenge people, do you have any questions that you'd like to ask about our meeting today. Any questions? Okay, thank y'all again for coming today.

Youth Commissioner Rajan Dulamal asked, I would like to know, during the Summer I attended one of the meetings and they were talking about hybrid buses being — start using hybrid buses. With the economy doing what's it is doing, will that still be a possibility.

County Manager Abolt said, we've done it.

Chairman Liakakis said, well, we do have 11 buses now that are like you described, and hopefully that money will be coming in so that we will put them on the streets as soon as possible.

Youth Commissioner Dulamal said, okay, thank you, sir.

Youth Commissioner Carley Dawson said, I would like to know where exactly is CNT and what do they do?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Chatham County Narcotics Team. They are a countywide drug fighting force.

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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: November 21, 2008

List of Purchasing Items between \$2,500 and \$9,999
That Do Not Require Board Approval

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Rental of a boom truck with clean out bucket	Mosquito Control	ASC Construction Equipment	\$4,500	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Industrial painting of wash bay, eves and frames	Mosquito Control	Miller Painting Company	\$9,900	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Hammers, screens and bolts for grinder	Public Works and Park Services	Consolidated Disposal Systems, Inc.	\$5,244	Solid Waste Restricted
19M legal size printed file folders	Magistrate Court	Wynn Business Systems	\$3,900	General Fund/M&O - Magistrate Court
7,000 lf. of geo textile	Engineering	Plantation Lumber & Hardware	\$6,840	SPLOST (1998-2003) Hardin Canal
Remove/Install 4" sewer line and septic tank at CNT bldg.	Facilities Maintenance and Operation	Consolidated Plumbing Services (WBE)	\$3,703	Reimbursable Expenses
Reimbursement for landfill disposal cost at Truman/Eisenhower mitigation site	Engineering	T Clearing	\$2,850	SPLOST (1985-1993) - Truman Parkway III
Trendway office furniture	CEMA	VIP Printing & Office Supply (WBE) (State Contract)	\$8,075	CIP-CEMA
Schedule 40 pipe and dome caps	Public Works and Park Services	Ram Wholesale Fence	\$3,458	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Two (2) sets of windshields for helicopter	Mosquito Control	Techtool Plastics Inc.	\$7,145	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Repair of underwater valve, pump seal and install new condenser motor	Aquatic Center	Boaen Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	\$2,720	General Fund/M&O - Aquatic Center
250 printed copies of the Policy and Procedure Manual	Detention Center	Pressworks Fine Printing	\$4,646	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Cheetah paw beads for County walking program	Weightlifting Center	Cheetah Paws Walking Program	\$5,000	General Fund/M&O - Weightlifting Center
Barrier netting for soccer complex	Public Works and Park Services	M.A.S.A.	\$4,049	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Aquamax ultra max vacuum	Aquatic Center	Aquatic Distributors, Inc.	\$4,175	General Fund/M&O - Aquatic Center
Install carbon monoxide detector in HVAC units, duct photoelectric smoke detector, multi red wall stations and test new fire system	Aquatic Center	ADS Security	\$4,700	General Fund/M&O - Aquatic Center
Remove/install rear differential on Caterpillar loader for Public Works	Fleet Operations	Yancey Brothers, Inc.	\$2,802	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
Postage for postcards, flats, certified and parcels while postage machine is being repaired	Administrative Services	Coastal Mailing Services	\$3,264	General Fund/M&O - Administrative Services

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion being made by Commissioner Stone and seconded by Commissioner Odell the board recessed at 10:35 a.m. to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation and land acquisition.

County Manager Abolt said, I would also make a specific note to the media that the Commissioners are, as the Chairman said, recessing to Executive Session, but the Commissioners will again meet in this room at Noontime for lunch with the Legislative Delegation, and to answer the question of Commissioner Odell, we are now broke.

Following adjournment of the Executive Session, the meeting of the Board of Commissioners was reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.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