

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2009, 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 Liakakis called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., in the Commission Meeting Room, Second Floor, Chatham County Courthouse, 124 Bull Street, Savannah, Georgia.

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**II. INVOCATION**

Commissioner Harris Odell introduced Rev. Timothy Sheppard, an Administrator in State Court, who gave the Invocation.

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**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Odell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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**IV. ROLL CALL**

All Commissioners were present.

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**CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSIONERS**

Chairman Liakakis welcomed the following Youth Commissioners who were in attendance: Jasmine Paige, a Junior from Windsor Forest High School, and Kristen Palmares, a Sophomore from Calvary Baptist.

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**V. PROCLAMATION AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**1. ENVIRONMENTAL MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION.**

Chairman Liakakis said, I'll ask our County Manager to begin the Environmental Master Plan Presentation.

County Manager Abolt said, far be it to me, sir. I defer to Mr. Green — Patrick Shay, who has told me repeatedly it's not easy being green.

Commissioner Shay said, it's easier than you think. What I'd like to do at this point is turn it over to our Chairman of the Chatham Environmental Forum Larry Miles and publicly thank him for the amazing effort that he and the other members have put in. It's been about fourteen months in the making. I don't know that it would be possible to calculate the number of hours that have been devoted to work on this. It's a very diverse group. We have been very careful throughout this to make sure that we had wide representation of the whole cross section of our community, and the results — I won't steal his thunder. I'll leave that to him. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Larry Miles said, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners, I'm Larry Miles. I'm the current Chair of the Chatham Environmental Forum, and with me today are many of the members of the Chatham Environmental Forum and other volunteers who worked on this plan over the past year, including your fellow Commissioner, Mr. Shay, who chaired one of our subcommittees. I'd like to start first by complimenting this body for the vision and foresight that you had back in October 2007 when you past a resolution starting asking the Forum to go forth and produce a plan that would make Chatham County the greenest county in Georgia. With that initial funding that you provided us we have been able to complete the plan utilizing only half of those funds. We've not only been green but a good steward of the monies as well.

At this point I'd also be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the Commission of 1989 who actually saw the need and the vision to create the Environmental Forum, particularly former Commissioner Julie Smith, and former City Manager Don Mendonsa, Sid Nutting and Alan Beals with the Chamber and many other community leaders who saw our community being torn apart by various environmental issues dealing with emotion and the press as opposed to dealing with the science of solving these issues and had the vision established for them.

The Forum is a unique body. We don't vote on our issues. We reached consensus solutions, and Mr. Shay can tell you that sometimes with politicians that's a difficult endeavor. It's kind of painful in the beginning, but you come out with a good product in the end because you've already fought through the details. Now here we are 20 years later with the floor. We've tackled many of the major environmental issues that our County has faced for the last 20 years and our latest has been developing this plan for you. As you can see from our membership that we represent a very diverse group, a lots of different organizations there. Our organization is made up equally of business leaders, governmental bodies as well as environmental advocacy groups. And that's the strength of our membership because we don't lean heavily in one direction or the other. We make sure that we stay balanced in a fair approach to coming up with our solutions.

In early 2008, after you had passed a resolution in 2007, the Forum began to formulate and meet and discuss how we would approach this plan, and we hired Rocky Mountain Institute, which was a leading nonprofit consulting group to help communities in energy and environmental initiatives, and from that we had a day long retreat in June, and out of that meeting we developed of environmental topics facing our community today.

We initially said that it was too large of a list to try to tackle at once, so we took some of the most pressing issues initially and developed seven topic committees to address some of the most significant issues on the agenda. That was Green Space and Land Use, Energy, Transportation, Climate Change, something we call Creative Infrastructure, Water Management, and Solid Waste, and from those committees we had members of our Forum as well as various community volunteers participate.

Most of those committees met weekly over about a five month period, and Mr. Shay didn't want to calculate the number of man hours, but I estimated it probably comes close to 4,000 man hours in time that's gone into putting this plan together. So that's quite an effort over the last year.

I'm going to try to quickly go over the plan highlights, as far as the goals themselves. I'd like you to understand, as you read through the plan, that each goal has a very detailed action-oriented agenda as far as what the objectives are and what the action items are to achieve those goals. We have tried to develop short term, mid term and long term solutions to each one of our goals and hopefully I can do them justice here in a short period of time.

Our Green Space Land Use Committee came up with three primary goals. The first was dealing with jurisdictional collaboration. We need to pull all jurisdictions within the County together in address land use and green space issues and make sure that we're all talking the same language, using the same definitions and working together to come up with solutions, as opposed to individual political bodies. We also need to develop tools and best management practices for sustainable land use, and the third was that we need to raise public awareness through an educational program as far as the whole system approach. We would look at all of the environmental systems the County.

Our Energy Committee developed four goals. The first was to improve energy efficiency in county-owned buildings by 15% by the year 2010. The second was reduce energy consumption by the entire community by 5% by the year 2010. Our third goal was to reduce transportation-related energy consumption by county-owned fleet vehicles, including CAT, and our fourth was to increase the production and use of energy from renewable sources to a total of 5% of energy consumed by the year 2010.

Our Transportation Committee looked at five major goals. The initial was to enhance our community transportation network by using the complete streets approach, and that is to look at how people, vehicles and everyone uses our transportation network, not just cars. The second was to integrate our transportation network into a multimodal system. Our third was to take that multimodal transportation network and further develop it so that we can minimize freight movement impacts within the County. The fourth was to promote county staff interaction with county transportation related business groups. We feel like there needs to be more interaction between county staff and the various groups involved in transportation of the county, and then the fifth was increase awareness of alternative transportation needs and opportunities that may come out of that.

Our Climate Change Committee developed five goals. Reduce countywide greenhouse gas emissions by 20% by the year 2020. Analyze the opportunities and the risks associated with climate change, and have the County develop an adaptation plan. Educate the public on climate change and what the County is doing to be prepared for that change. Seek community partners willing to assist us in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. And finally push for statewide reductions of greenhouse gas emissions and hold ourselves up as an example for the State to follow.

Our Creative Infrastructure Committee, chaired by Mr. Shay there, probably is the committee that had the most fun of all the committees. It is a rather unique group, very diverse in makeup, and they were — their full mantra was to focus on a local economy that was fueled by our creative intellectual capital as opposed to using our natural resources. They developed six goals. The first was to create a green map of all places and businesses operating in the County in sustainable ways for use by tourists and residents. The second was to reach out to our youth in the community to

tap their creativity by initiating various outreach programs. The third was to support bikes as a viable means of transportation in the County by investing bike paths and bike lanes. The fourth was to ensure our zoning laws to allow for commercial agriculture in all zoning districts and not just the industrial zones. The fifth is a creative business incubator by SEDA to aid in the startup of businesses. The sixth was to develop a plan for creative enterprise zones to further foster that creative infrastructure.

Our Water Management Committee had five goals. I'd like to point out that in each one of these goals we've attempted to make every one of them measurable and have a time limit on them. The Water Management Committee's first goal was to have local government serve as the example for the community for effective and efficient water use. The second was to educate the public on water conservation and increased awareness of the true value of water. The third was to reduce the quantity of storm water runoff from our community and improve its quality. The fourth was to protect the integrity of our water source by implementing water shed of base management approaches. The fifth was to use a comprehensive approach to managing our drinking water sources in a sustainable way.

Our last committee was in Solid Waste and we developed six goals. The first was to reduce measured impacts of the natural environment from solid waste activities using a 2007 baseline. The second we wanted to specifically target the reduction of groundwater impacts from countywide landfills. The third was to promote bio-fuels production by diverting excess yard waste to a bio-fuel processing plant and use that yard waste as beef stock. The fourth was to promote recycling throughout the County and double the quantity of waste targeted to be recycled from the targeted 10% to 20%. The fifth goal of the Solid Waste Committee was to promote composting the organic waste countywide by raising the public awareness and by raising the knowledge of composting techniques. And finally we felt that there was a media campaign needed to improve public awareness of all waste management strategies available to us in the community.

So what's the next step? For us in the Chatham Environmental Forum, we're moving down our list of prioritized topics and beginning to already update the plan and add these additional topics to our — to the plan that we have presented to you here today ranging from coastal hazards and weather, marsh and seafood industry protection, to affordable housing. So you can see the list there in front of you is quite diverse and we're going to march on with that. The next steps that we're asking this Commission is that we request the county staff review the plan and identify those aspects of the plan that may be implemented by the County government and staff to provide an anticipated date for completion of those goals. And then we would request that you come back — they come back and report to the Commission and to the Chatham Environmental Forum within 45 days. Our second request is that the Commissioners further direct staff to provide progress reports as to their progress in implementing those goals. The third thing that we asked is that the Commission continue their support of this effort with continued funding when appropriate and the Forum will continue to further develop the plan by additional topics and taking the plan and moving forward. And finally we request this Commission to use your leadership position in the community to promote the adoption of these goals throughout the County community, including other jurisdictional bodies within the County.

And with that I'd just like to say that it's been a great effort, community effort. There's been widespread support. These are consensus solutions and well-balanced solutions, and we're asking everybody in the County to join in. As you see from our logo here, to join in this process. And with that I'll entertain any questions.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Shay.

Commissioner Shay said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I know there are a number of people that are in the audience that have worked on the plan. It's not all the people that worked on the plan by a long shot, but I do think the fact that they are here today and they're willing to stand up at a County Commission meeting should be noted, so I would like to ask you to stand up. [Applause.] Commissioner Shay said, I think that what Chairman Miles has presented today in the PowerPoint presentation is basically the strategy, and in the book that you have, Commissioners, there are a lot more detailed information about the actual tactics that it takes in order to be able to implement the strategy. I'm reminded of a great planner once said a good strategy with bad tactics is the slowest way to success, but great tactics with no strategy is just the noise before the fall. So we need to have the strategy and the tactics implemented, and I would hope that we would refer that to our county staff, ask them to look at the tactical issues, and I would ask my Commissioners to endorse the strategy that we put forward today.

Chairman Liakakis said, Larry [Miles], I'd like to thank you and all of the members of the Chatham Environmental Forum because you make a big difference in our community. A lot of people say that — I've heard them say over the last number of years that the City and the County, we're not interested in the environment. Well, you can see for this long period of time where the Forum has gotten together and the many hours that you've put in there so that we can make the quality of life better for all of the citizens and all the municipalities and all of the County. That's really important because this board set up that we want to be the greenest County in the State of Georgia, and our Assistant County Manager Pat Monahan, with our County Manager and all, they've worked really hard to see that we secure and we've acquired over 1,500 acres in our community for green space and other areas, and so we will be working really hard on that, and we hope and we thank all of the members of the Forum to continue to do what you are because you are going to make a big difference in people's health and many other areas in their enjoyment and exercise — all kinds of things can come from this. So I know that this Commission, like I said, is committed for the environment in our community and, again, thanks to all of you and continue to do the good work. And as you said, we want all of the citizens in Chatham County to join an eco state of mind. Thank you.

Mr. Miles said, thank you.

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**2. PROCLAMATION FOR SHERRI CADMAN ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT.**

Chairman Liakakis said, I'll call on Commissioner Stone to present that proclamation.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Commissioner Stone then read the following proclamation into the record:



**WHEREAS**, there comes a time when an employee decides to retire and pursue other dreams; in that respect, we salute Sherri Dawn Cadman; and

**WHEREAS**, Sherri Cadman began her employment with Chatham County on July 20, 1982, as a Personnel Clerk at the Chatham County Public Library. In 1988, she transferred to the Finance Department in the position of Accounts Technician and on April 19, 1999, she advanced to Special Projects Technician and became a backup to Chatham County's payroll administrator. She was promoted to Payroll Administrator on January 1, 2001, and held that position until she retired from the Chatham County Finance Department on January 30, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, she took great pride in her duties and was a dedicated and valuable member of the Finance Department. She kept a positive attitude and strived to meet any challenges that were placed upon her. She responded well to the increasing and continuous workload placed upon her.

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

**SHERRI DAWN CADMAN**

upon her retirement and express sincere appreciation for more than twenty-six years of dedicated service to the employees and citizens of Chatham County and extend best wishes for a long, happy, healthy retirement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

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Pete Liakakis, Chairman  
Chatham County Commission

**ATTEST:**

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Sybil E. Tillman, Clerk

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, we have entered the season of Lent and Lent, as you know, is a time for humility and humbling experiences. In that vein I want to introduce something very special to you. County employees have been polled privately and anonymously as who the most important County employee,

County personage is and I must tell all of you it is none of us. The lady to my left and to your right is the most important person employee's mind because she prepares the payroll, and without her there would be so many disgruntled individuals and families. Sherri [Cadman] has been a wonderful, wonderful employee. Her accuracy, her ability to make sure that we never had a moral problem when it came to the issues of pay is a true testimony to the lady. She is going to be missed. She is accurate, she's excellent, and she is one of our best. Sherri [Cadman], thank you so much.

Ms. Lesha Lanier said, good morning. Linda [Cramer] couldn't be here so she asked me to say a few words about Sherri [Cadman] since she couldn't be here. So I just want to say on behalf of the Finance Department, I've worked with Sherri now for eight years and words cannot express how much she's going to be missed and already is missed — she only been gone now for a month. Her willingness to give freely of herself of herself, her knowledge and her special abilities have made her a valuable asset to Chatham County. Sherri [Cadman], we wish you the best in your retirement and continued success. Thank you for all your work.

Mr. Michael Kaigler said, Mr. Chairman, on behalf of the County Commission, County staff and all the employees that you process the payroll for, we want to present you with this lamp and hope that you display it proudly in your home and when you look at it you'll think of us.

Ms. Sherri Cadman said, thank you very much. I thoroughly enjoyed my years with the Finance Department — well the Library, too, but the last 21 with the Finance Department. The staff in the Finance Department is a family and if you don't know them personally, I recommend you go meet them as well as the Human Resources Department and, as far as I am concerned, all the County employees. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, Sherri [Cadman], stay there a minute. On behalf of the Chatham County Commission, we would like to thank you for your dedication and your loyalty. As we say to our employees that are retiring and those that are here now is that we really appreciate your hard work and all and, hopefully, you know, before you completely retire that you have somebody that's trained that really knows how to make sure for the 1,600 employees that there checks are right. Ms. Cadman said, well, I get one of those check, too, so I made sure she was alright. Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Thank you and may you be blessed in all your endeavors.

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### **3. PRESENTATION BY MARK HANSEN ON BEHALF OF THE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT CLASS TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THE PROJECT LIFESAVER CAMPAIGN.**

Mr. Van Johnson said, good morning, Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen. Obviously, I am not Mark Hansen, but I did want to make some opening comments. I'm Van Johnson, Employee Services and Training Manager of the Human Resources and Services Department. I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your dedication and commitment to our employees. Through your policy decision upon training for our employees, we're able to attract and obtain employees who are competent and well-respected in their field. Likewise, through your permission, we have allowed our County Government to be good corporate and community neighbors by allowing our employees to be visible and active in the community they serve. We certainly thank our County Manager Russ Abolt, our Human Resources and Services Director Michael Kaigler for their support. The synthesis of the training and the services embodied in the Chatham County Medical Development Program which is currently being administered by the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at the University of Georgia. For the fourth consecutive year since you have funded the resurgence of this program, we have brought forth our best employees and our best assets and best directors, managers, supervisors, both seasoned and inspiring, with the desire to be challenged by learning about themselves first, then about the government they serve, and then they are challenged to develop and implement a project that will positively impact the community that they live in. Prior classes have served at Tara Nursing Home, they've taken on literacy at Spencer Elementary School, prior classes have encouraged runaway kids a Park Place Outreach, and each year I am given the task to charge every class to be creative and have more impact than the last. I think that you'll be quite impressed with their decision and their impact this year. Words would adequately describe this effort, but they would inadequately describe this effort. So we have a short video to let you see what our employees came up with.

A short video was shown with various employees stating:

Autism is the fastest growing disability in the United States.

A child is diagnosed with autism every 20 minutes and it now affects one in every 150 children.

It is a developmental disorder characterized by impaired social interaction varying degrees of severity.

Currently there is no cure for autism spectrum disorders.

Chatham County employees want you to help fight this growing epidemic.

For more information contact the Matthew Reardon Center. Together we can make a difference.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, we appreciate your patience. What they are trying to show you is what they did to raise this money for the check that they are going to present to us this morning. It was their class project. Hopefully, we're going to get it right.

Mr. Johnson said, we're trying to work this out. We're County employees, so we always have a backup. We're going to have our Sheriff do a song while we're waiting. What a wonderful effort. We would be remiss if we did not mention the name of Jackie Booker, who is our instructor from the Carl Vinson Institute of Government. I would like at this time to introduce Capt. Thomas Gilberg from the Chatham County Sheriff's Department, who will make our presentation.

Capt. Gilbert said, good morning, Commissioners. On behalf of the Carl Vinson Management Class, Chatham County Stars, I'd like to present this check for \$10,000 to Sheriff Al St. Lawrence. This money will go to pay for the tracking devices and also the bracelets, and I want you guys — excuse me, Commissioners to know that this just doesn't end here. In the coming months we're going to try to get together a golf tournament. We are presently selling Boston butts and what we'd like this to keep this growing because this is something that keeps on growing, day after day. So, hopefully, we can keep this going.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, there's a couple of things I wanted to say. This is the management class and some supporters from this management class. You do one a year. They started in September of last year. They'll finish up in June. About 150 hours involved. Now they are better employees and more prepared to advance as a result of this being in the management class,

In these tough economic times and the economy being what it is, there's rumors that this will be discontinued. I appeal to you that that's not something that we can afford to do. There are 15 different departments involved in this. It just doesn't affect the Sheriff's Department. I'm providing the space for them to hold their classes and all, but I wanted you to know how important that I think it is. From the past, the employees that have gone through this management training as a result were better prepared to do their jobs and to advance. But we are struggling with meeting the goals that the Manager has set for us in our budget, but I really thing that \$14,000-\$15,000 in the big picture is not a lot of money to produce the kind of results that you get from this management class. I appreciate that every class takes on a project. I appreciate what they've done in Operation Life Saver. This is not going to cost the County any money. We're going to try to help those with Autism, those with Dementia, those with Alzheimer's. Those that can afford to pay for it themselves, they're going to have to pay for it, but those that can't, this is another reason why we're raising this money so we can do it for them as well. It's a very worthwhile project. I'm very proud of the employees of all 15 departments for participating in doing what they did. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you. Al [St. Lawrence], Sheriff, you know, we can see your participation in it and, of course, that's why you're the number one Sheriff in the entire country, but also, you know, we're really proud of our County Manager putting this project together so that we can have this management development classes go on. As was stated, you know, that we have our employees that are better educated and can do a better job for all the citizens in our community. Going beyond that, too, our citizens can see not only are we providing services which are numerous for all of the citizens of Chatham County, but also as an outreach program in this Project Life Saver Campaign so that it can help especially those that cannot help themselves, and that just shows the love for our community that you have. We really appreciate that and I thank each and every one of you for your participation and to all of our employees who get involved in the community to make the quality of life in our community better. Thank you.

Mr. Johnson said, Mr. Chairman, if you'll just allow me, because this is such a monumental effort, and obviously the work that these employees do every day did not go away because they were in class, if they could just come up very briefly and give the names and departments and how long they've been employed by the County so you can see the diversity of our County family here at work. Just very quickly, name and department and how long you've worked for the County.

Good morning, my name is Misty Selph and I work in the Chatham County Parks and Recreation Department, and I've been with the County for five years now.

Gretchen Derryberry, I work for the Sheriff and I've been there 19 years.

Gary Smith, I'm the In-Take Supervisor at Juvenile Court, and I've been there almost 23 years.

Good morning. I'm Scott Brown, a Juvenile Court Probation Supervisor. I've been with the County 14 years.

Captain Thomas Gilberg with the Sheriff's Department. I've been there 22 years.

Mark Hansen, Mosquito Control, for four fabulous years.

Good morning. Monique Alexander, Building Safety. I've been with the County 10 years.

Good morning. Kelly Barnes and I'm with Building Safety and I've been there 16 years.

Sgt. David Walker of the Chatham County Sheriff's Department, and I've been there 23½ years.

Lee Sikes, Sheriff's Office, 24 years.

Good morning. Lieutenant Monica Bryant, Sheriff's Department, 20 years.

Good morning. Leigh Herald, Human Resources, 4½ years,

Good morning. Trina Roberson with the ICS Department and I've been there for 7 years.

Good morning, Lieutenant Mark Carpenter, Sheriff's Department, 25 years.

Good morning, Cynthia Groover, Superior Court, 14 years.

Good morning. Marlin A. Knight. I've been employed with Chatham County for 10 years and I'm employed in the Chatham County Admin Services/Print Shop/Mail Room. Thank you.

Good morning. Roger Deschenes, Finance Department, almost three years.

Lieutenant Eva Perkins, Sheriff's Department. In April it will be 30 years.

Corporal James Moore with the Chatham County Sheriff's Department, 17 years.

Good morning, my name is Walter Burns with the Chatham County Fleet Operations, Shop Superintendent. I've been with Chatham County for 16 years.

Mr. Johnson said, thank you so much for your support of this program.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, you're very kind in saying words about folks other than yourself, but this program would not have been there without this Board. This program was — life was breathed back into it because of this Board. I have to tell you, with the exception of Mr. Knight, I'm very proud of the group in front of you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank all of you very much.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, I'm going to turn this over to the Finance Department. Not to worry. Commissioner Farrell said, I hope they don't lose it. Chairman Liakakis said, McArthur [Holmes], escort him up there.

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**4. TO APPROVE A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE TRI-COUNTY R/C FLYERS TO CONTINUE USE OF THE MODEL AIRFIELD AT THE LANDFILL AND DESIGNATE THE SITE AS THE STAFF SGT. ANTHONY DAVIS MODEL AIRFIELD. (DAVID WENZEL, PRESIDENT, WILL BE ATTENDING.)**

Chairman Liakakis said, I call on David Wenzel. Are you in the audience, Mr. Wenzel? [No response.] Russ [Abolt], do you want to explain this?

County Manager Abolt said, yes. I'd prefer Mr. Monahan. He's in the lobby. He's one of the creators of this. This is a special opportunity not just to continue a very important leisure service, namely the remote control airplanes and the following it has, but also to take the moment to recognize an individual, another of our heroes, who gave his life in the Middle East, Staff Sgt. Anthony Davis. I believe from the vita on the Staff Sergeant, he was on his sixth tour in Iraq, he was with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment, and he was killed in January, so obviously for his service words cannot be said to do justice and honor to the man, but naming this facility after him because he was, I'm told, an avid hobbyist when it comes to model airplanes, is a fitting remembrance and also a special way of saying thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much. You explained it all, so Patrick [Monahan], we do appreciate that very much, and we need to have a motion on the floor to approve this.

Commissioner Farrell said, so moved. Commissioner Holmes said, second. Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, alright we have a motion on the floor to approve. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Odell were not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, motion approved.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Farrell made a motion to approve a license agreement with the Tri-County R/C Flyers to continue use of the model airfield at the Landfill and designated the site as the Staff Sgt. Anthony Davis Model Airfield. Commissioners Holmes and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Stone and Odell were not present.]

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**VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS**

None.

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**VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS**

**1. PARTICIPATION IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK AND "GREENING OUR FUTURE" (COMMISSIONER THOMAS).**

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. My fellow Commissioners, this year National County Week will be observed in May. They have been observing it in April, but this year it will be in May. So I'm asking the Commissioners to come on board so that we can salute National County Government Week during that time, and the theme for this occasion will be "Greening Our Future," it just fits so well with what my fellow Commissioner Pat Shay is trying to do through the Environmental Forum, and I'm asking that we — that I have permission to get a committee to serve to do the County Government Week in conjunction with the Chatham environmentalist group as well. So that's what I'm presenting before you this morning. We would like to have representatives from each department of the County.

Chairman Liakakis said, Mr. County Manager, if you could see about the presentation because recognizing County Government Week is really important because we have the National Association of Counties, and coming together with them we have been able to lobby and to get resources to our County and to have representation both in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives, and it has helped not only this County, but , as I said, many counties around the country. So I'd it if you would put that together. Get with Commissioner Thomas, because I appoint her as the representative for the County Government, and if you will go from there.

County Manager Abolt said, yes sir. Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

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**2. LOBBYING IN D.C. (COMMISSIONER SHAY).**

Chairman Liakakis said, right now I'm going to call on Item 2, lobbying in Washington, DC, by a Commissioner who is working really hard for this County, reaching out not only for the environmental areas, but many other areas also. We had a meeting yesterday and talked about the lobbying because it's really important about the stimulus package and all, and Commissioner Shay has taken a lead in that, and I call on Patrick [Shay] for that presentation now.

Commissioner Shay said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. We're at an amazing moment this week in terms of looking at what local governments may be able to harvest resources from the Federal Government to implement a wide variety of improvements within our communities. We are all familiar with the stimulus package that has made its way through the United States Congress and signed into law. We are not yet certain exactly how that money will be allocated. There have been some wish lists published. I would caution that those are in fact just wish lists, that there is some serious work to be done in making sure that Chatham County gets its fair share from the stimulus package resources. But beyond that even on the horizon there is the fiscal year '09 omnibus bill which was in process this week, the President has just presented his proposal from the fiscal year '10 budget for the Federal Government, and by the end of Summer there will also very likely be some kind of an authorization for the next generation of the TEA — the Transportation Enhancement Authorizations. So we have — I'm not a surfer myself, but my son told me that sometimes when he's out there on the water and waiting for the wave that you look out and you see them coming in threes, he tells me, and you've got to decide which one to get on. We actually have four waves that are out there and we need to make sure that we're doing the right things to make sure that our Federal Legislative Delegation and the Federal Government bureaucracy knows that we are very desirous of fulfilling our goals and their goals at the same time and receiving the bounty that's available to us. In order to do that, frankly, because we're fortunate to live outside that Washington Beltway and live here on the ground in Chatham County, I feel very strongly and I think the Chairman shares that belief

that we need to have professional representation for Chatham County living inside of that Beltway. We need to do this immediately. We don't have the luxury of waiting for months and months and decide how to do this because these waves are coming quickly to the shore and we need to make sure that we're taking advantage of that opportunity.

So in some discussions with the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce and other institutions that are represented in Washington, DC, like the Georgia Port Authority and the Savannah Airport Authority, the recommendation for a group called Hurt-Norton has come forward. Hurt-Norton is actually under contract already at least partially with Chatham Area Transit to do some representation for us up there. They are very familiar with Chatham County, they're very familiar with our needs by representing these other institutions. They have a great representation in Washington, DC, and are very welcome in all of our Legislative Delegation's offices. They work both sides of the political aisle and know how to harvest these resources once we target what it is we want to go after. We can't just turn in lists with hundreds and hundreds of millions of dollars in projects and expect that our Federal Legislators or our Federal bureaucrats are going to figure out which ones are the ones that we really want and which ones are the ones that we tend to live with later on down the way. So I would like to recommend, Mr. Chairman, that we go ahead and engage Hurt-Norton so that they can represent us in Washington, DC, either directly or, if necessary, indirectly through the Chamber of Commerce, and that we also pare down our priorities to a very short list of what it is that we want to work very hard for the rest of this legislative season to make sure that it gets into these various bills and have Hurt-Norton follow up on those targets to make sure that we actually receive the benefits from those Federal programs.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. What I'd like to recommend is that I have Commissioner Shay and our County Manager to get with the Chamber of Commerce immediately and then put together a plan and also our County Attorney Hart to put it in the proper form so that we can proceed with that, but also for the staff, you have been looking at the different projects and all, Russ [Abolt], to distribute a list, once you go through it, but not that huge amount that we were looking at before, and that we can get this off the ground as soon as possible.

Chairman Liakakis recognized County Attorney Hart.

County Attorney Hart said, yes, Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Odell raised a question earlier in the pre-meeting, which I thought was a very good question, I think we can avoid his concerns in this matter by just simply piggy-backing the County contract onto either the CAT contract or the GPA or the Airport Commission contract and obviously the Chamber of Commerce can participate in that. I think that would be the easiest, cleanest way to go. We can do it immediately. We don't have to go through the solicitation process and we can get on with the show. I know time is of the essence in this and that's the quickest and cleanest way to do it.

County Manager Abolt said, with that insightful and legal interpretation, what will happen, ladies and gentlemen, based on the meeting yesterday, we tentatively agreed with our now contractor that the Chairman will be the contact for all those political things, being the liaison contact with the leadership of either the State or the Federal Delegation, and then another truly outstanding County employee, Mr. Bungard, will be in my terms the mechanic. He is the most familiar, along with Mr. Monahan, on the list so far. He was also instrumental in having what with the leadership of the Chairman yesterday the CUTS Committee winnowed down the road list, and in effect get going. So with this permission, and I would say if a motion be made it would be very helpful, but I do know that Mr. Bungard and the Chairman already have the cell phone numbers of the lead consultant in DC, and if they have not started already, by Monday morning we'll be getting a full dollar's worth of that spent in this contract.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Shay.

Commissioner Shay said, yes, Mr. Chairman, I know this all sounds wonderfully abstract. I want to give some concrete examples. Earlier this week I was able to send out to my fellow Commissioners an article that I received from ICLA [phonetic], which is League of Cities, which identified specific targets within the stimulus package for programs that are out there and can be grants applied for that will go to local governments for energy efficiency and conservation of local government buildings, weatherization assistance for affordable housing, State energy programs to piggyback on top of that, alternative fuel vehicles, pilot grant programs — the list goes on and on. Many of the things that were presented this morning earlier in the plan for the greening of Chatham County can be matched up with resources that can be harvested through this Federal Grant Application process. A lot of people say to me, "While we'd like to go green, but we really can't afford it," and I have two answers for that. Number one is if you really want to go green, you'll be able to figure out how to do it without it being more expensive, which is possible, but also for the big ticket items, like the weatherization of all of our buildings here in Chatham County that the government owns, there are now federal grants that are available to help pay for those costs. So these are the examples of specific targets that I think we can be looking at.

But then we have to prioritize and say, "What do we really want to put the most effort behind?" So with those as examples of specific targets, I know each of the Commissioners have had the opportunity to develop some of their own intelligence on this subject, what I would like to make as a motion that we authorize the Chairman to enter into an agreement with the appropriate affiliate agency when the County Attorney comes forward so that we could begin this process on Monday and make sure that we are not getting left behind as this opportunity moves forward.

County Manager Abolt said, I think, Mr. Chairman, to put more [inaudible] as Commissioner Shay has done so well on the practicality of this, as we know Mr. Bungard has the lead in working with the Sheriff in the construction and design of the Detention Center —.

Commissioner Odell asked, was that in the form of a motion? Commissioner Shay said, that was a motion, yes sir. Commissioner Odell asked, was there a second? Commissioner Stone said, I'll second it.

County Manager Abolt said, then I will just add that the timing couldn't be better from the standpoint of that most significant dollar-wise construction project this County has ever embarked on, the Detention Center, and the meshing in of all this stuff that Commissioner Shay has identified so well into the brilliance of Mr. Bungard and his staff and the Sheriff's folks, we have some harvesting to do in that and that alone. Also, you're going to see in a few weeks — not weeks — a few months the debut of something you made possible, Commissioner Gellatly particularly and Commissioner Kicklighter, a new library on the Southside. I had the occasion, the opportunity and the privilege of touring it earlier this week. It's fantastic and it's so darn green, I think we'll all be proud of it.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Thank you and if we can get that as was mentioned as soon as possible and we'd like all of the Commissioners to get that information right away so they will be in agreement with this also. Okay, let's go on the board.

Commissioner Odell said, on last question. Do we know an amount yet? County Manager Abolt asked, for the contract? I'm sorry. I believe the figure was \$8,000 a month.

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

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### **3. SALUTE TO BLACK HISTORY MONTH BY COLE TRANE WILLIAMS, 7TH GRADE, ELLIS MONTESSORI ACADEMY (COMMISSIONER THOMAS).**

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a young man in the audience that we don't want to keep him out of his school so I'll call this particular item first. Item 3 under the Commissioners' Items, a salute to Black History Month by Cole Trane Williams, who is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at the Ellis Montessori Academy. Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen. I'm delighted to have this young man come before us this morning to do a salute in effort of the Black History Program. Cole Trane [Williams] is an outreach student of Summer Bonanza. I heard this young man some time ago, and I tell you, he is really, really wonderful. So he is going to do his presentation now for us. Cole Trane.

Master Williams said, thank you for that introduction. I wanted to remind you of the words of a famous man, Martin Luther King, Jr., who said, and I quote:

With this faith..., with this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

And this, this will be the day, this will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning, "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring."

And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true. And so let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania. Let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado. Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California. But not only that, let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia. Let freedom ring from the Lookout Mountains of Tennessee.

Let freedom from every hill and molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

And when this happens, when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men, white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last, free at last. Thank God Almighty, we're free at last."

Master Williams said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, Cole Trane [Williams] has his mother and father with him this morning, Mr. Andrew Williams, come up, Mr. Frank Williams, and his grandmother, Reverend Retha Williams, giving him support. We are so proud of you and we want you to keep up and do good work, and this is a certificate of appreciation that I'm going to ask the Chairman of the County Commission to read it and present it to you.

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

presented to

*Cole Trane Williams*

In recognition of his presentation before  
the Chatham County Board of Commissioners  
in a salute to Black History Month

Presented this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009

*/s/ Priscilla D. Thomas*

Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman  
District Eight  
Chatham County Commissioners

Chairman Liakakis said, Cole Trane, that was a great presentation. I know your family all are proud of you because, listen, you being in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and being able to do this right now, you're going to be going a long ways, and some days you might be up here or in the State Government or the Federal Government, so we wish you many good things happening to you and we thank you family for coming up today. Congratulations.

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**CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Holmes and unanimously approved, the Board recessed at 10:38 a.m., and convened as the Chatham Area Transit Authority.

Following adjournment of the Chatham Area Transit Authority, the Board reconvened as the County Commission at 11:25 a.m.

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**VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS**

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

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) GENERAL FUND M&O A) CONTINGENCY TRANSFER TO UNION MISSION \$50,000, B) TRANSFER \$150,000 FROM COMMUNITY OUTREACH TO UNION

**MISSION, C) A \$27,400 TRANSFER WITHIN THE VOTER REGISTRATION BUDGET TO OVERTIME, (2) TRANSFER \$70,000, FROM THE DRAINAGE PROGRAM RESERVE TO THE DUNDEE CANAL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE 2003-2008 SPLOST FUND, AND (3) IN THE MULTIPLE GRANT FUND A) DECREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FAMILY DEPENDENCY GRANT \$2,433, B) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$10,000 FOR A GRANT TO HANDS ON GEORGIA, AND C) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$23,025 FOR AN ADA GRANT.**

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

Commissioner Odell said, motion to approve. Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Kicklighter and Thomas were not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-1**

**AGENDA DATE: February 27, 2009**

**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) General Fund M&O a) contingency transfer to Union Mission \$50,000, b) transfer \$150,000 from Community Outreach to Union Mission, c) a \$27,400 transfer within the Voter Registration budget to overtime, (2) transfer \$70,000 from the Drainage Program Reserve to the Dundee Canal drainage improvement project in the 2003-2008 SPLOST Fund, and (3) in the Multiple Grant Fund a) decrease revenues and expenditures for the Family Dependency Grant \$2,433, b) increase revenues and expenditures \$10,000 for a grant to Hands On Georgia, and c) increase revenues and expenditures \$23,025 for an ADA grant.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

- 1) Funding for the contract with Union Mission will come from two sources. A \$50,000 transfer from General Fund M&O Contingency and a \$150,000 transfer from the Community Outreach budget will provide a total of \$200,000. The Community Outreach program for the Detention Center construction project will not require the full amount appropriated in FY2009. The Request for Proposal (RFP) process is currently under way. Major expenditures are not anticipated before the end of the current fiscal year.
- 2) The Voter Registration Director has requested a transfer of \$27,400 within the department budget to Overtime. A copy of the budget transfer request is attached.
- 3) The County Engineer has requested a transfer of \$70,000 from the Drainage Program Reserve to the Dundee Canal drainage improvement project in the 2003-2008 SPLOST Fund. A staff report is attached.
- 4) The Family Dependency grant has been reduced by \$2,433. A grant of \$10,000 to Hands On Georgia has been awarded by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Multiple Grant fund are attached.
- 5) The Board of Elections has received an Americans with Disabilities Act grant award of \$23,025. The funds will be used for signs, curb cuts, ramps, railings, and sidewalk modifications at various polling sites. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Multiple Grant fund are attached.

**FUNDING:** Funds are available in the General Fund M&O Contingency, the Community Outreach, the Voter Registration and 2003-2008 SPLOST budgets for the transfers. The budget amendments in the Multiple Grant Fund will establish funding for the grants listed above.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- (1) That the Board approve the following:

**GENERAL FUND M&O**

- a) transfer \$50,000 from Contingency to Union Mission,
- b) transfer \$150,000 from Community Outreach to Union Mission,
- c) transfer \$27,400 within the Voter Registration budget to overtime.

**2003-2008 SPLOST FUND**

transfer \$70,000 from the Drainage Program Reserve to the Dundee Canal drainage improvement project.

**MULTIPLE GRANT FUND**

- a) decrease revenues and expenditures \$2,433 for the Family Dependency Grant,
- b) increase revenues and expenditures \$10,000 for a grant to Hands On Georgia,
- c) increase revenues and expenditures \$23,025 for an Americans with Disabilities Act grant.

- 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. PRESENTATION BY THE HONORABLE PENNY HAAS FREESEMANN, SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, TO UPDATE THE BOARD ON THE PROGRESS OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COURT SINCE IT BEGAN OPERATIONS ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2007.**

Chairman Liakakis recognized Judge Penny Haas Freeseemann.

Judge Freeseemann said, thank you very much and thank you for your time. I've seen your agenda and, well, I've seen a lot of it already today, but I've seen what you have coming up as well. So I'm only going to take just a few minutes of your time. But I wanted to take just a few minutes and come here and not ask for money, but really just to thank you, thank all of you for the support that you've given to the Chatham-Savannah Mental Health Court. I've talked to a lot of you individually, so I wanted to take just a few minutes now and tell you a little bit about what we've been doing and just bring you up to speed on it somewhat.

Judge Fowler, who is the Chief Judge of the State Court, and I opened the Mental Health Court on Monday, September 27, 2007, so as of September 26, 2008, we had completed one full year of operation. There was a lot of time spent prior to that putting it together, but that has been our first full year. During that first full year, we reviewed 135 cases, we accepted 27 participants and we have terminated only one. The trick has been to separate out of the group of people that has come to us as referrals, those people who have untreated mental illnesses and are there for interactive criminal justice. That's the group we want, and to separate them from criminals who just happen to be mentally ill, and that is the group we don't want.

As you know probably already, about 8% of — the last numbers that I had was that about 8% of people in our Chatham County Jail are taking psychotropic medications, and what I'm talking about there, I'm not talking about antidepressants and things like that, but true psychotropic meds, and in 2006 that was 50% of the jail medication budget. So 8% of the people were taking up 50% of the budget. Of course, some of them that's fine, they belong there, but there was a large number of people that didn't and that's what we were looking at. In broad brush strokes, to get into the Chatham County — to the Savannah Mental Health Court, of course, unfortunately you have to have committed a crime, and that could either be a felony or a misdemeanor. We take both because we've consolidated the courts for that reason. You have to have a documented Access I or Access II mental health illness, and that can be things like schizophrenia, disorder bipolar, disorder some major depression, things of that nature, and accompanied by no history of prior violence and no sex offenses. There also has to be agreement between the District Attorney's Office and the Public Defender's Office, and with that we're up and running and somebody can then come into the Court.

Now we took 27 people, as I told you. Of that population, they had spent lifetime a grand total of 11,644 days in the Chatham County Jail. That does not include times that they may have spent in prison. We don't have any way of really getting a lot of these figures, but prison time it doesn't include time in other jurisdictions, whether it was because they got in trouble in Effingham County or Liberty County or across the border in South Carolina. We don't have any of that — that doesn't include that figure. They also spent 4,846 days in Georgia Regional here locally, and again it could have — they could have been in other hospitals in other states as well.

Using calculations of \$52 a day for the Jail, which is way — a very, very, very conservative number. That's really just the number of what it costs to house any of you guys in the Chatham County Jail. So it doesn't include the — or me. It doesn't include the psychotropic meds, it doesn't include the fact that you have to have fewer people in a cell, it doesn't include all the extra — the extra guards and that sort of thing. It doesn't include any of that. So if you take 52 bucks a day for medication and you take — excuse me — \$52 a day for housing them in the jail or using a \$375 figure a day for being in Georgia Regional, then this population has utilized around two and a half million dollars of taxpayer money in the — because of their untreated mental illnesses. Now during this year that we've had them in the Mental Health Court, this population of 27 people had a grand total of one new misdemeanor charge for all of them. I know exactly who he is, I know what he did. I nearly came across the bench at him, but we've had one misdemeanor charge.

We have had to use the Jail some for sanctions. We call it sanctions — think of it as punishment. If someone had mistreatment, has been late for court, has not done — not gone to their probation officer, not done the things that are required of them, then we still have to sanction or punish them, and we have used the jail for that. If you consider the number of days that — number of jail days that this population of 27 people spent in the Chatham County Jail in the 12 months prior to entering the court, we've looked at those figures, and if you take that and you compare that with the number of jail days during our first year of operation, and again just using that \$52 figure, which is very conservative, that was a savings of a little more than \$122,000. Georgia Regional, if you look at those same figures because remember this population also in that year did not go back into Georgia Regional, there was another \$144,000 savings there. So a very conservative estimate of us just getting off the ground, trying to figure out what we were doing, was a \$266,000 savings.

Judge Freesemann said, now that, ladies and gentlemen is the pure economics of it. But there's an interesting thing about the Mental Health Court because it's actually the right thing to do, too, as it happens. And so what I wanted to do was take just a minute also to talk to you about just one of the participants. Now there's a lot of confidentiality that goes on, so I'm going to call him John Smith. He is a veteran, he has a doctorate degree, actually taught at the college level. He with paranoid schizophrenia probably 20 years ago now I would guess, something like that, and slowly descended into mental illness. He was homeless and he ultimately became the problem of a totally unequipped criminal justice system because during this time this man, remember a veteran with a doctorate's degree and a responsible job, became mentally ill, has spent over 2,000 days in your jail, 70 separate arrests for 144 different misdemeanor charges. If you look you can pull up on the computer within the courthouse anyway the photographs. Now there's a great little computer system, it has all the old photographs, and when you pull us this gentleman's there's just like a page of them, all different times of him having been arrested. He also had 56 admissions to area hospitals and spent 654 days at Georgia Regional during his lifetime.

Since coming to the court, he has stable housing, he's been going to treatments five days a week, he has had no positive drug screens, no hospital admissions during this year, no arrests during this year. Now, don't get me wrong, he's still mentally ill. He's probably one of our sickest people that we deal with, so we're not going to fix that. He's never going to not be mentally ill, but at this point at least he's managing that mental illness outside of the jail, which is the whole point of this effort.

One day court was happening, just as an aside, and I was coming in, and court by the way is every Thursday at 8:30. Please come and visit us. Mental Health Court takes about an hour, an hour and a half, something like that, every Thursday morning, and I was coming into court earlier and there were some to the regular — some of the courthouse people were standing around and, of course, when you come in on that floor, that's where Recorder's Court is, and I heard them talking and I heard the name and I heard this gentleman's name, so I whipped around to go see what they were talking about, and they apparently had seen him coming in and they were talking about him because they knew him as a regular, and, you know, he'd been going back to the days of Judge Drew. They knew his particular gentleman and the fact — what he is now compared to what he has been then was just phenomenal to them, and I hope you can appreciate that as well.

Now this is an amazing collaboration so I want to close by just taking a few minutes to let you know who the groups are who either signed your original MOU back when we didn't even know what we didn't know, so we didn't even know who we really needed to have come to the table, plus those people who have come on board in this last year. And, of course, you've got the whole court system because Judge Fowler and I come as part of the package. If I can't be there, he does it for me, and we've got Superior, State Court, Recorder's Court, Magistrate Court and Probate Court. We also have the District Attorney's Office and the Public Defender's Office, who, by the way have each dedicated a lawyer who comes, and that's one of his or her duties is to come to staffings, which is a meeting every Tuesday morning to talk about the case that lasts for an hour and a half or two hours to talk about the cases that are going to come up on Thursday. Actually with me right now also is Mr. Bill Lewis here from the Public Defenders' office. He was able —. Commissioner Odell said, make him come up.

Judge Freesemann said, I told him to come but they didn't follow me. Also part of this is the Chatham County Sheriff's Department and the Chatham County Detention Center, who, by the way, have donated someone as well. This has just become part of her duties and this is somebody from the Jail comes and attends our staffings and is often also at court. That's very helpful sometimes for people who have had to serve a sanction and have been in jail, or people that we're thinking about, she knows a lot more about them and can give us some kind of inside information on them. It includes State Probation and Pride Probation because we have felonies and misdemeanors and, by the way, they have also donated employees who come to the staffings and come to court every week.

It also includes the Department of Human Resources. We are Region 5 for the disbursement of monies through the DHR, and Mr. Charles Ringling, by the way, comes to staffings just about every week and has been amazingly instrumental in helping us put all this together. It includes the Savannah Homeless Authority, by the way, has donated also an employee who comes. This employee is fascinating because he knows all of the — there's a couple of them that come, but one in particular knows a lot of these guys. They're regulars so they know a lot about them already and are very helpful in us figuring out what's the appropriate thing to do with them.

It also includes American Work, who by the way has donated — we have people that come from American Work, both to staffing and to court. It includes Gateway and Savannah Counseling Services, who by the way also have given us employees. We actually have five ladies in the court who don't reside here in Chatham County right now. They've committed crimes here but they are actually down in the Brunswick area at a Gateway facility down there, and it's really changing the lives of a couple of them just amazingly.

It also includes Integrated Behavioral Health out at Memorial and they have given us free mental health assessments that we have needed from time to time. Savannah State University, who gave us Dr. James Williams, who has helped us put together a lot of the beginning parts of this and helped us understand what Mental Health Court was and what it's not. It includes the National Alliance on Mental Health or NAMH [phonetic]. They're the people that hold our hands kind of gently, nip at my heels, push me through all of this, and who have people who are there — there are many of them that are the family members of people who have mental illness, so they come and occasionally have more than once have been able to sort of surround the family of some of our participants who didn't know there was anybody out there in the whole world that was dealing with the same problems that they were dealing with.

It includes Georgia Regional, who has given us a lot of guidance. It includes the Social Security and the Veterans Administration. It includes Armstrong University, who have sent us two interns. We have Kerry McCarthy [phonetic], who's actually here. I don't think she knew I was going to mention her, but she works for us for free. I stand between here and graduation, so maybe it's not completely for free. And Chloe Matthews, another young lady who has been doing some free work for us.

It includes the City of Savannah and, of course, it includes Chatham County. You guys gave me Erica Usher, who was our Director. Erica [Usher], stand up, who is the total underpinnings of the court, and y'all funded that quite some time ago and so she's an employee and has really moved us from what it — from just an idea to what it is today.

So, I want to thank you all very, very much for what you've done for us and invite you to visit. As I said, every Thursday morning, 8:30 I'll be there bright and early and come on in and see what we're doing. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, Judge, thank you very much for the Mental Health Court because we can see it has made a difference in areas and it's really good, but let me just say this so the general public that's watching this, the Department of Human Resources for the State of Georgia is putting our Georgia Regional and regional hospitals into a tragedy mode, a disaster for the serious mental patients in the State of Georgia because what they want to do is close down Georgia Regional again. They weren't going to do it, they are going to do it, and now it's back and forth, but they're going to close it down and they're talking about having only two regional hospitals in the entire State of Georgia, will not accommodate all the serious mental patients that need intensive mental treatment, and that's what B. J. Walker is doing to balance her budget and talking about a crisis. What they had in the paper the other day, they should have come to the Georgia Regional Hospital where the Sheriff and all of us were located to talk about the problems that they had as opposed to and then go to Memorial because it's like they have come out with the best plan for mental patients in the State of Georgia, which is a bunch of bunk and are costing the lives of many of those people that have serious mental problems in State of Georgia, and what we've got in the jail now, as of two weeks ago, 330 mental patients costing the citizens of Chatham County \$16,368 a day, meaning that — and you add the medicine to it, it's costing the taxpayers here about \$500,000 a month. If that keeps it up, it could well go over \$6,000,000 a year for those mental patients in the County Jail, but your particular emphasis and what you're doing in the Mental Court, is really a great thing for our community.

We just wish there would be more emphasis that you could put more resources into it, but this thing they are abandoning the serious mental patients. And the way they do it, they say, hey, we're going to have a crisis program. Well, a crisis program they're talking about is giving mental patients either a 10-day or a 14-day treatment, and you can't use that just for the serious mental patients because once they get out of there, then the public is at risk and so are those mental patients, and sadly it's a real bad situation that we've got. And right now as we speak, they're having a group right now talking about that mental problem that we have here in Chatham County. But I wish every citizens in Chatham County that has the ability that would send a letter, a postcard or pick up the phone and call the Governor's office and, you know, and challenge this thing that B. J. Walker is doing with her group just wanting to balance the budget is really what it is because how in God's green earth can you have only two regional hospitals in the State of Georgia to handle all those patients? But again, thank you, Judge. We really appreciate what you're doing along with the State Court Judge and making a difference in people's lives.

Judge Freeseemann said, well, thank you. Of course, there's a lot of different issues that you're talking about there, but as far as the individuals that are in the Chatham County Jail, being able to separate out, as I told you, of course those that just flat belong there versus those that could be dealt with outside, as we are able to, and we are actually getting a lot of help from Mr. Ringling through the — that's DHR, as well — to be able to come up with methods to handle them within the community itself, we can start moving some people out of the jail is my hope. I mean, we can take — the

Mental Health Court can, like I keep scaring everybody, but we can triple, we can quadruple probably the size of us if we had the other resources out there, but the problem is housing and, you know, I mean, we can talk about this for hours and I won't keep you, but we have our — we're looking at it very, very strongly. Did someone —?

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Odell said, Judge Freesemann, thank you. Also, thanks to Judge Fowler and to Judge Bass, who handles the —. Judge Freesemann said, Drug Court. Commissioner Odell said, — Drug Court. Judge Freesemann said, absolutely. I didn't mention him, and that's correct. Commissioner Odell said, all the excellent programs and all are not liberaled avoiding punishment type programs. They are cost effective. Judge Freesemann said, come look — anyone who comes and looks at court, I mean, I really do ask that you come when you get the chance to. Again, 8:30 every Thursday. The people that you will see there, it will just boggle the mind that these are individuals that were in the jail. You'll just be — it's shocking. Commissioner Odell said, I would really like to see a coordinated effort between Union Mission and some of the other outreach. If we had the additional housing, I believe it's cheaper, your programs, than having them in the jail. I think it's cheaper —. Judge Freesemann said, for the right person. Commissioner Odell said, for the right person, and we have tiers and I've been in court and you've been in court where under Georgia law the person is not mentally ill under Georgia law, but when you talk to them, you know that the person is mentally ill in common sense law. That tier of individual I'd like to see us also work towards getting them into a similar program because ultimately it's cheaper than Al St. Lawrence housing them in jail. Judge Freesemann said, that's correct.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would agree with what Commissioner Odell just said. We're very grateful for your court, the DUI Court, and the Drug Court because these are all alternatives to incarceration, and what we're faced with right now with the population at our jail and the number of mental health patients that are there, it is not doing them a service necessarily to be in jail. Your program is also a reform program, and one of the things that I've been very concerned about as a Commissioner is looking at alternatives to incarceration for non-violent citizens. And this is something — I commend you, I think it's wonderful and I hope that your program can expand because it will provide them an alternative to being in our jail. Judge Freesemann said, thank you. You should also note Juvenile Court has a family — is it called the Family Dependency Treatment Court —. Commissioner Stone said, yes. Judge Freesemann said, and it's just getting ready to start up. Judge Beam is going to be starting up a Mental Health Court as well. Commissioner Stone said, and I think all of this is —. Judge Freesemann said, and we all talk to each other. Commissioner Stone said, — extremely important and I agree with the Chairman. I was at the same meeting that he was at Georgia Regional, and what they're proposing is going to have a terrible impact on this community, and it's just very unfair to some of the citizens that are in this position to be denied services that they are going to desperately need. So, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah. First, I just want to say thank you. You're doing a great job. Everyone that you spoke of is doing a great job, but being's you deal with mental health every day, I was just curious what you actually took from our Assistant County Manager laughing so loudly when you talked about how much it would cost to incarcerate us on the Commission. You know, that's —. County Manager Abolt said, his performance evaluation is very soon. Commissioner Kicklighter said, I appreciate it very much.

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### **3. CNT MONTHLY REPORT BY COMMANDER ROY HARRIS.**

County Manager Abolt said, he's coming, sir. They were doing his makeup when I saw him outside.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. We'll go to the next item waiting on him.

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Chairman Liakakis recognized Commander Roy Harris.

Commander Harris said, good afternoon, Commissioners. I'm Roy J. Harris, Commander of CNT, for the record. Before you, you have the report of the significant events and the number of arrests. You've had an opportunity to look it over, I understand. If there are any questions, I will be glad to entertain those at this time. Commissioner Holmes?

Commissioner Holmes said, page four, Active Investigations From Prior Months, 98. Is that high or low? Commander Harris said, that's about average, Commissioner. Commissioner Holmes said, about average. Commander Harris said, we usually get around 50 complaints in every month. All of those are not — the complaints themselves are looked at, but they are not gone into what we call an active investigation where a case report number is generated through Central Dispatch.

Commissioner Gellatly said, excellent report. Commander Harris said, thank you, Commissioner.

Chairman Liakakis said, alright. We appreciate it. You distributed it to the other entities? Commander Harris said, yes sir, that will be done Monday morning. Chairman Liakakis said, good. Thank you, now.

Chatham~Savannah  
Counter Narcotics Team  
Monthly Report  
January 2009

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS**

1. On 01-06-2009, Investigations assisted Army CID with a follow up investigation involving a soldier. Agents set up a deal for ecstasy and bulk quantities of marijuana. The soldier was arrested by CID and was found to be in possession of a loaded shotgun as he arrived to conduct the drug transaction. The soldier was also found to be a convicted felon. (081222146)
2. On 01-08-2009, Investigations along with SCMPD and the Tactical Team executed a search warrant on Quail Forrest Drive after a series of undercover purchases and surveillance operations. A search of the residence revealed over 130 pills of suspected ecstasy, one pound of marijuana, packaging materials, and approximately \$2,400 in currency. The target of the investigation was also on probation from a previous CNT arrest in 2007. This operation led to a total of four arrests. (090107047)
3. On 01-11-2009, CNT along with assistance from SCMPD, and the CCSD K-9 unit conducted a surveillance operation at the Tigers Den. CNT had been receiving complaints about the bar and a joint investigation was initiated with GBI. A series of undercover purchases were conducted over the past couple of months utilizing undercover GBI agents. Agents concluded the investigation by executing a surveillance operation that yielded a total of 7 arrests. SCMPD has planned a follow up meeting with the owners to discuss solutions and possibly revoking their business license.
4. On 01-14-2009, CNT received a phone call from a local pharmacy in reference to several suspicious subjects inside purchasing pseudo ephedrine. Investigations responded and with the help of SCMPD made contact with the subjects. The investigation revealed that the subjects (5) had been visiting numerous stores between Hinesville and Savannah purchasing pseudo ephedrine at every store. During interviews, four of the suspects stated that they were being paid five dollars (\$5) for every box by the driver and that they have been doing it for weeks. All of the subjects were from the Liberty County area with the driver being on active probation and parole from previous drug convictions. The driver also admitted to paying the subjects and stated he was obtaining the pills for a Mexican male to manufacture methamphetamine in Liberty County. Agents also seized over 20 boxes of pseudo ephedrine from the vehicle, receipts from numerous drug stores, digital scales, and approximately \$936 in currency. Agents notified Liberty County and probation/parole officers about the arrests. (090114149)
5. During the week of January 19-21, CNT sent seven agents and one supervisor (SCMPD officers) to Washington D.C. for the presidential inauguration.
6. CNT agents conducted a joint pharmaceutical drug investigation with the Bryan County Sheriff's Department and on 01-23-2009, coordinated a "round up" of these suspects with other agencies including the U.S. Marshals, GBI, and Richmond Hill Police Department. A total of twenty-four arrests were made.
7. On 01-22-2009, Investigations executed a search warrant on Krenson Street. A search revealed several ounces of high grade marijuana, numerous digital scales and approximately \$7400 in currency hidden in an air conditioning return duct. One subject was arrested for the marijuana that was found to be on active probation from a previous CNT arrest. (090108023)
8. On 01-28-2009, CNT along with the GBI, DEA, ICE, and MACE executed search warrants in Liberty and Chatham County. This was the culmination of a recent joint investigation with GBI and DEA. A search of the property in Liberty County revealed several hidden compartments in both vehicles and in structures. Officers seized approximately 10 vehicles (to include a BMW 7 series and a Mercedes), numerous ATV's and racing motorcycles that either were reported stolen or had the VIN's removed. CNT agents also conducted a search warrant on Escapade Lane in Savannah which was the residence of one of the suspects in the investigation. Another hidden compartment was found concealed in the stairs and other paperwork associated in the investigation was seized. In addition, CNT, DEA, and GBI agents conducted search at another associated address located on Gateway Blvd in Pooler. This led to the discovery of a motorized concealed compartment in a Chevrolet Monte Carlo that had approximately \$3,000 in currency that had apparently fallen behind the compartment and was undetected by those utilizing the compartment. In

addition, agents seized three vehicles (Chevrolet Monte Carlo, Chevrolet Silverado, 2008 Lexus 450), and a racing style motorcycle that was on the property. Agents also seized numerous luxury watches and paperwork associated with their cash purchase.

9. On 01-29-2009, Investigations executed three search warrants at two different self storage businesses on Ogeechee Road. This was in connection to the joint investigation/search warrants executed with DEA and the GBI the day prior. A search of the storage units revealed a stolen ATV, new Corvette chrome rims, and other associated paperwork that is in direct connection to the investigation.
10. On 01-30-2009, Investigations made two arrests in connection with a small clothing store (Top of the Line Fashions) located on West Bay Street. A search of the store revealed several bags of high grade marijuana concealed in the ceiling of the office area. In addition agents found packaging materials and numerous digital scales. The store owner is a multi-convicted felon and has been the source of numerous drug complaints at CNT. (090130120)
11. Agents received information regarding several members of a local family, long known for their involvement with violent crime and drug distribution. After making several buys of both marijuana and cocaine from different members of the local family from several locations, Agents secured 3 search warrants for locations on 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Habersham St. and 39<sup>th</sup> Street. Four family members were arrested for various charges ranging from outstanding warrants to sales and possession of C/S.

<b>UNDERCOVER AGENT / CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT BUYS</b>	
<b>Buys</b>	<b>Number</b>
Undercover (Agent) Buys	7
Confidential Informant Buys	17

<b>SHORT – LONG TERM NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS*</b>	
<b>Investigations</b>	<b>Number</b>
Investigations Initiated During the month	17
Active Investigations from prior months	98
Active <b>Joint</b> Investigations with other agencies (DEA, AFT, IRS, etc.)	5
Total Number of Active Investigations	99
Total Number of Investigations Cleared (Arrest, E.C., Unfounded)	16

\* Not including on-view arrests

<b>DRUGS SEIZED</b>			
<b>Drug Type</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Approx. Weight</b>	<b>Approx. Total Value</b>
Powder Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	59.4 Grams	\$5,940.00
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	58.9 Grams	\$5,890.00
Methamphetamine	\$100 per gram**	N/A	N/A
Marijuana	\$140 per ounce*	99.6 Ounces	\$13,944.00
Heroin	\$250 per gram*	N/A	N/A
Ecstasy	\$25 Dosage Unit	224 D/U	\$5,600.00
Misc. Pills	Various	505 D/U	N/A

\* 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

<b>WEAPONS SEIZED</b>	
Firearms (including hand guns and long guns)	2

<b>PERSONS ARRESTED*</b>	
Powder Cocaine – Possession	3
Powder Cocaine – Possession with Intent to Distribute / Manufacture / Sale	0
Powder Cocaine – Trafficking	1
Crack Cocaine – Possession	1
Crack Cocaine – Possession with Intent to Distribute / Manufacture / Sale	5
Crack Cocaine – Trafficking	1
Marijuana – Possession	12
Marijuana – Possession with Intent to Distribute / Manufacture / Sale	13
Marijuana – Trafficking	0
Heroin – Possession / Sales	0
Methamphetamine – Possession / Manufacture / Sale / Trafficking	0
Hallucinogenic Possession / Sale	0
Prescription Drugs – Fraud / Forgery / Possession / Sale	13
MDMA / Ecstasy Sales / Possession / Trafficking	4
Synthetic Drugs (LSD) Sales / Possession / Possession with Intent	2
Possession of a Controlled Substance – Criminal Attempt	2
Possession of Drug Related Objects	0
Non-Drug Related Offenses**	6
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>63</b>

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

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

<b>ASSET FORFEITURES</b>	
US Currency Seized (Initiated forfeiture proceedings)	\$20,244.00
US Currency Awarded	\$6,368.00
Motor Vehicles Seized (Initiated forfeiture proceedings)	1998 Chevrolet Monte Carlo 2000 Toyota Camry 2004 Suzuki Motorcycle 2003 Chevrolet Monte Carlo
Motor Vehicles Awarded	1994 Chevrolet Camaro
Real Property Seized (Initiated forfeiture proceedings)	N/A
Real Property Awarded	N/A
Personal Property Seized (Initiated forfeiture proceedings)	N/A

ADOPTION CASES FROM OTHER AGENCIES		
DATE	AGENCY	OFFENSE
01/14/09	SCMPD Precinct 5	Unlawful Possession of Pseudo Ephedrine

DRUG COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED		
Drug Complaints	Received	Assigned
Project Log/Official Complaints	2	2
Hot Line / Call-In Complaints	18	15
Green Sheets/ Outside Agencies	5	5
Crime Stopper Complaints	30	21

COMMUNITY MEETINGS	
Sergeants and/or agents attended the follow Community Meetings:	
<p>1. On 01-06-2009, Commander Harris spoke to the downtown Kiwana's Club about drug awareness at the Pirate's House Restaurant.</p> <p>2. Sergeant Middleton and Agent Tyran attended a meeting at Hunter. They spoke on the functions of CNT and prescription drugs and conducted a question and answer session.</p> <p>3 On 01-29-2009, Commander Harris and Lieutenant Smith spoke at a Kiwana's Club meeting held at the Plantation Club in the Landings. Commander Harris spoke on current drug trends and answered questions from the group.</p>	<p><b>** In addition to these monthly meetings and activities, the following events are attended every month</b></p> <p>-Each Monday, Commander Harris or Captain McBurney attends the SCMPD Command Staff meeting at headquarters.</p> <p>-Each Wednesday, Captain Mcburney or Lt. Mitchell and an Intelligence Analyst 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>

TRAINING STATISTICS		
Course Title	Agents Trained	Course hours per Agent
Drug Undercover Operations	5	40

DRUG INVESTIGATION

**HOURS WORKED BY ZONE**

SCMPD – West Chatham Precinct	404
SCMPD – Downtown Precinct	300
SCMPD – Central Precinct	499
SCMPD – Southside Precinct	234
SCMPD – Islands Precinct	<u>180</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,617</b>

Garden City	108
Port Wentworth	15
Bloomington	7
Pooler	39
Thunderbolt	7
<u>Tybee Island</u>	<u>21</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>197</b>
Out of County (Task Force Operations, etc.)	294
Assistance Rendered to Outside Agencies	97
Training	200
<u>Court Hours</u>	<u>55</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>646</b>
<b>Total Hours Worked</b>	<b>2,460</b>

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#### 4. RECYCLING PROPOSAL AND THE CREATION OF A SOLID WASTE USER FEE.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, this was the item that we presented as information two weeks ago in effect following up on your desire for curbside recycling. I have augmented the proposal to include what I feel is a very justified charge, namely to stop subsidy by the SSD property taxpayer what we traditionally refer as dry trash and bulky items service by approving the staff report. It would allow all that to happen. There is a need for a decision particularly on the curbside recycling to allow staff to begin preparation of a contract with Waste Pro of Georgia.

Chairman Liakakis said, Mr. County Manager, the cost factor that the private hauler wants to do for recycling curb service in the unincorporated area is \$14.50 a month. Is that correct? County Manager Abolt said, it's \$2.00 a visit, sir. We've also incorporated the dry trash service, which we do, of course. Chairman Liakakis asked, so how many times a month —? County Manager Abolt said, seven times a month a stop will be made in front of each residence in the SSD to either pick up recycling, which will be twice a month, and then the balance will be for dry trash and bulky items. Chairman Liakakis asked, so for the recycling only curbside is just twice a month? County Manager Abolt said, it's twice a month and that costs just about two and a half million dollars and the reason for that is the public education, the containers, the trucks themselves. All that front-end stuff which you said so well last time, the County is starting from scratch so it's expensive. Chairman Liakakis asked, so then it's \$4.00 a month for the unincorporated residents for curbside recycling, right? County Manager Abolt said, well, I'd defer to Mr. Drewry, but it's a little bit more than that because of the front-end costs from the standpoint of — if I were to segregate out the recycling versus the curbside, it isn't a 50/50 split. So it's a little bit more than that. Chairman Liakakis said, okay. County Manager Abolt said, but they're only paying — only paying — we costed it out. It was \$2.00 a visit for everything. Chairman Liakakis said, okay, but we're looking at the recycling because our citizens, you know, we've been talking about it for a while, this Commission is all in agreement to doing, but there's a big difference in the cost factor between the City and the County because, number one, they have the vehicles and equipment; the County relies on private haulers. County Manager Abolt said, amen.

Chairman Liakakis asked, okay, Robert [Drewry], do you want to —? Okay. Alright then. This is the proposal for the user fee. What is the —, you know, what would the Commission like to do. Do we have a motion on the floor to approve? County Manager Abolt said, it would be Alternative #1. Chairman Liakakis said, Alternative #1.

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman —. Chairman Liakakis said, yes. Commissioner Shay said, I think we have resolved as a Commission that we're in favor of initiating curbside recycling in the Special Service District. I think that actually happened at a meeting I wasn't able to attend, but — and I think as one Commissioner, one voice, I remain deeply committed to that, but I'm not convinced that the exact proposal that we have in front of us today is the best that we can do. I think the City's — I won't say provider because they collect their own waste — but I mean their recycler is a little bit overwhelmed by the amount of recycled trash that they are receiving through that system and that's probably the reason why they weren't able to be as responsive to our RFP as we would like. Their building capacity and I think that there is the possibility in the not to distant future that we would be able to work out with them a similar arrangement to the arrangement that the City of Savannah has where instead of paying somebody a lot of money to handle recycled waste, that we might at least have a break even or perhaps even get some money back for the materials. The current plan also doesn't deal with glass, and I know there's no market for glass out there at the moment, but I think there will be before long, and to have curbside pickup and then make people take their glass to the recycling center is a less than satisfying I think for the concept of curbside recycling. And also one of the partners that we have in the community on waste management, which is a company named Waste Management, has not had the opportunity, I think, to fully figure out how they can plug into this. I'm not saying that they haven't had the chance to kick the tires on the RFP, but they chose not to answer, and I just think that — I've heard some of the concerns expressed by Commissioner Farrell and Commissioner Gellatly and others the last time around that this is a pretty expensive proposal to implement on the fly. I guess it was also Commissioner Kicklighter.

What I'd like to suggest is that we remain committed to the idea of having curbside recycling in the unincorporated

area, but that we take a deep breath here and see if we can't do a little bit better in managing the economics.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Russ [Abolt]?

County Manager Abolt said, it's just a question of explanation of sequence. As you all know, and I know you appreciate the months and months of time it took us to get to this point, and again to use the Chairman's words of starting from scratch, this is not something that we can not do one week and do the next. There's an awful lot of more work that has to be done before we can, in effect, even provide this service. So I certainly will do whatever you tell us to, but it's incumbent upon me to indicate that if there's a substantive delay and what you're referencing is waiting until the City's provider might have capacity, the only alternative to that is, as you know, Mr. Drewry testified we have kind of a month to month agreement cost with SONOCO, but we would have and also we know going into it that the City of Savannah would automatically as a host fee add \$3.00 more a ton, and that's just for the benefit of bringing it in. There are certain variables that we have little or no control over if there isn't some expeditious disposition of this one way or the other. Being very frank with you, if this is not acted on either now or within let's say two weeks, I fear that we may be months away from curbside recycling, and at the same time I will indicate to you because of my strong desire to stop the property tax subsidy of curbside for what we refer to as dry trash and bulky items, my budget proposal before you in May will have what amounts to not the same amount of dollars, it's will be substantive less, but allowing and giving the opportunity to residential property owners in the SSD to pay for the service via solid waste fee versus our property tax.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, I too am a strong supporter of this recycling program, but I do tend to agree with Commissioner Shay that there are a couple of questions that I have. The real concern is that, I mean, glass is a big part of recycling and if this proposal does not even include glass, they're going to have to take it either to Eisenhower or to Wilmington Island, then we're kind of missing the boat on that aspect of it. So I think that if you're saying two weeks is all we've got here, then we have to —. County Manager Abolt said, I want you to go in this with your eyes wide open. Either you like what you see and we can answer questions today from Mr. Drewry on the specifics of it, or we are not in the position to guarantee implementing this in the near future. Commissioner Stone said, okay, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, we got a lot of details and information at our last meeting on this proposal, and I'd like to remind everybody that we do have currently an extremely cost-efficient up and running recycling program in the unincorporated area that's very successful. It actually puts money back into the taxpayers' pocket, if you will, because it actually turns a profit, albeit small. So having a current recycling program that's very effective and with the current economy such that it is, and the large cost of this particular proposal, I'm going to have to — I would like to suggest that we table this indefinitely until the economy turns around to where folks can afford it and that we can get a much better deal, if you will, to provide that service.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Shay.

Commissioner Shay said, the idea of tabling it until we can get better figures and perhaps that does take months, not weeks, strikes me as being a good idea. The only thing I don't like about your motion is to say table it until the economy turns around, I'm not sure that this economy is ever going to turn around, but I do think that in spite of the fact that there has been an extraordinary good faith effort on the part of our staff and an awful lot of work, that if we're going to be successful at doing curbside recycling in the unincorporated area, we've got to have a program that everybody believes is the best and most convenient way to do it and that we have a reasonable cost. I don't want to set us up here for controversy and failure. I'd rather wait. If that means we have to implement it in the next budget cycle, then to me that's an acceptable alternative to the exact economics that are in front of us today. So I just, Commissioner Farrell, rather than say table until the economy turns around, maybe if we could say table until the economics of the recycling program are better or better understood, then I would support your motion.

Chairman Liakakis asked, do you accept that. Commissioner Farrell said, yes. Chairman Liakakis asked, okay, do we have a second on that motion? Commissioner Gellatly said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, okay, let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

Chairman Liakakis said, Mr. County Manager, if you will do this with your staff then to see about, you know, maybe another proposal. We've got under here on alternatives, you know, a few that we could do, but if you have some additional information with that, that will be helpful to this Commission, if you will see that gets distributed and possibly talk about it in the near future. Okay?

County Manager Abolt said, yes sir. I guess — I don't want to be Pollyanna in my response, but this requires months of preparation, and we'll do everything you tell us. We have a very ambitious voluntary recycling program, as Commissioner Farrell said. We're most proud of that. We're not embarrassed by it at all, but I don't want to in any way portray our ability as something that would be curbside generated in the near term. If we don't act now, there's a sequence of events that we predicated in this, not the least of which is cash flow, and were any of us the contractor on the providing end, you'd want to know up front that the County was serious about it and then you'd make capital investments. Ms. Cramer has to also come up with the cash flow because before Danny Powers starts sending us money

off the fees, we've got to do all this stuff with the contractor. So we will do obviously what you tell us to, and also unless you've — I don't think you've told me not to — I plan to come back in my budget proposal not on recycling, but on the issue of curbside, what I refer to as dry trash and bulky items, and give you the chance then to create a fee just for that.

~~AGENDA ITEM: IX-2~~  
~~AGENDA DATE: February 13, 2009~~

AGENDA ITEM: IX-4  
 AGENDA DATE: February 13, 2009

**To:** Board of Commissioners  
**Thru:** R. E. Abolt, County Manager  
**From:** Robert W. Drewry, Director of Public Works & Park Services

**Issue:** Present Board with a plan to provide a curbside recycling program and create a Solid Waste Services Fee.1

**Background:** On April 11, 2008 the Chairman and County Commissioners directed staff to solicit interested waste haulers to provide curbside recycle material collection. After the results of the RFI were evaluated staff produced an RFP for services including the contract costs.

**Facts and Findings:**

1. Chatham County's Solid Waste Management Program is a complex compilation of many unique services to the citizens that has developed over the years beginning with the closure of our landfills. These services are costly and intensive. A Curbside Recycling program is another unique service the County is considering to venture. In the current economy, recycling is not a profitable service but a service the public appears willing to venture.
2. The RFI process for curbside recycle material collection was started on April 11, 2008 by direction of the County Commission.
  - Three (3) service delivery companies submitted letters of interest
3. Staff produced an RFP for curbside recycling to be complimentary to the City of Savannah's recycling program.
  - Offering single stream curbside recycling
  - December 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 was the closing date of the RFP

**EXPECTATIONS**

4. It is the County's plan to contract with a waste hauler who has significant experience in a single stream curbside recycling program. Staff is looking for a hauler that can provide at a minimum the following:
  - Every other week routes to serve approximately 32,000 single family and duplex residential units
  - Demonstrate the ability to collect from County facilities and small businesses if requested in the future
  - 96 gallon containers with large wheels
  - Chatham County and Chatham County Recycling logo, schedule, along with examples of collectables permanently burned, screen printed, or affixed to container
  - Deliver recyclables to a material recycling facility (MRF) or to the highest yielding market or buyer designated by the County]
  - Ability to independently continue the program if a local MRF is no longer available
  - Service in gated communities that meet standard collection requirements
  - Excellent and reputable customer service from a local office staffed during normal office hours
  - Monthly performance ratings of satisfactory grade
  - Demonstrate financial stability
  - Provide special need service for documented residents
  - All equipment and manpower
  - Financial contribution to curbside recycling education and staff to assist with scheduled school visits and educational events

- Trucks marked with County logo
- Provide customer complaint tracking service
- Provide tonnage verification reports
- Financial deductions for repeated poor performance

#### WASTE HAULER

5. Waste Pro of Georgia, Inc. based in Longwood Florida submitted a proposal and cost for services.
  - Every other week at \$1,685,760. Annual increases consistent with consumer price index increases.
  - Reference check was performed from a list provided by Waste Pro. The selected customers that were questioned had been a long term customer, a County customer, and a City customer. All questioned groups agreed that Waste Pro delivered excellent service.
  - In addition to the County's Expectations, Waste Pro will provide:
    - o Four (4) new compactors
    - o Route Supervisor
    - o Local office with full time staff
    - o Swing driver
    - o Customer complaint tracking service using Trac-Ez software
    - o Partner with County in education programs and events

#### MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY (MRF)

6. All materials collected curbside must be hauled to a facility that can sort items and transfer them to a recycling plant.
7. City of Savannah contracted with Pratt Industries to receive a rebate of \$15 per ton for all recyclables the City brings to Pratt's MRF with options for increases in the future.
8. The City of Savannah has a Host Fee with Pratt of \$3 for all materials taken to the processing center that do not originate from the City's collection program. One (1) dollar of the three (3) dollars goes into recycle education. Two (2) dollars goes back to offset costs.
9. Pratt quoted staff a charge of \$30 per ton of any material Chatham County brings to the processing center (MRF), however, they have since recanted indicating that they would except no waste from Chatham County until they are able to install additional equipment.
10. *SP Recycling* quoted staff a charge of \$85 per ton of any material Chatham County brings to the transfer center.
11. Staff contacted *SONOCO Recycling* (a local company in Chatham County for a number of years) to acquire another quote for single stream recycling disposal.
  - SONOCO can process the large amount of material
  - Chatham County has utilized SONOCO for many years for it's drop-off center recycling
  - In todays market SONOCO would charge \$22.50 per ton for single stream material *not including glass*.
  - Glass can be taken to drop-off centers
  - Proposed tonnage unincorporated Chatham could generate is 640 tons per month with a cost totaling \$14,400 per month totaling \$172,800 per year.
  - All collected recyclables would be delivered to SONOCO because they offered the best quote. The City of Savannah would receive a rebate only if recyclables were delivered to Pratt Industries.
  - Currently the recycling market is very flat. However, as the economy strengthens the County can expect some revenue from the recyclable materials. A portion of the revenue will be rebated to waste hauler as a customer service incentive

#### ORDINANCE

12. If the Board chooses to proceed with a curbside recycling program, there will require changes to the County Code Article IV Waste Collection to include provisions such as the following:

- Ownership of recyclable material and discarded material
- Collection days
- Fines and penalties for contamination
- Vendor has ability to directly charge consumer for damaged, lost, or replacement container

**EDUCATION**

13. Implementation could happen quickly.
  - Staff recommends a phased approach by population density. This approach gives staff and contractor an opportunity to address system “snags” that will arise with implementation in order to maintain a high level of customer service.
  - The delivery for new trucks required would be approximately 90 days
  - The ideal target start date is 120 days of a signed contract to initiate the first phase
  - Adopt Ordinances
  
14. Effective participation will require a substantial Education Campaign.
  - Utilize recycling outreach coordinator and New recycling center
  - Activate an aggressive curbside/recycle campaign taking advantage of all available media outlets
  - Contract with an advertising agency
  - Staff anticipates a start up cost of \$300,000 and an annual cost of \$200,000 for education and awareness. By way of comparison, the City of Savannah budgeted \$270,150 and they also have their local Keep Savannah Beautiful program that provides additional funding.

**COST**

15. The estimated annual cost to implement a curbside recycling program is as follows:

Waste Hauler	Waste Pro of Georgia	\$1,685,760
MRF	SONOCO	\$ 172,800
Container Replacement		\$ 100,000
Education Start Up		\$ 300,000
Education Campaign Annual Cost		<u>\$ 200,000</u>
	Total	\$2,458,560

**FUNDING:** In an opinion from the County Attorney on January 20, 2009, there is no prohibition against including on a real estate property tax bills/notices fees for the cost of recycling. The County can assess the fees and also provide by ordinance that the tax commissioner be responsible for collecting the fees.

Currently, the Solid Waste Management Fund is partially funded from subsidy transfers from the M&O General Fund and the SSD Fund. An opportunity presents itself to eliminate property tax subsidy and move to a user fee collected on the single family resident tax bill.

The following would be a funding plan in order to fully align the cost for Solid Waste Services funding on real estate tax bills/notices:

Curbside Recycling Program	\$2,458,560
SSD Subsidy for Solid Waste Transfer including Comprehensive SSD Services	\$1,950,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curbside Yardwaste Collection</li> <li>• Curbside Bulky Collection</li> <li>• Disposal Cost for Bulky Items</li> <li>• Yard Waste Grinding</li> <li>• Administration/Overhead/Contingency</li> </ul>	
Capital Expenses	\$ 500,000
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Total SSD Solid Waste Fee	\$4,908,560

The Total Solid Waste Fee equates to less than \$170 for every single family residential unit per year in the unincorporated County. For this fee the County provides 7 visits per month at approximately \$2 per visit to every home for a curbside service that includes

4 yard waste collection visits, 1 bulky item collection visit, and 2 curbside recycling collection visits.

**POLICY STATEMENT:** Board approval is required to approve a curbside recycling plan and approve a funding plan. Separate action will be required by the Board to enter into a contract with a Waste Hauler and public hearings will be required to revise County Codes.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approve plan outlined by staff that includes hiring Waste Pro of Georgia to provide a curbside recycling program, instruct staff to prepare the contract, and approve the funding plan as outlined that would create a Solid Waste Services Fee starting July 1, 2009.
2. Board approve plan for the curbside recycling program and ask staff to propose other alternatives for funding.
3. Board provide staff with other curbside recycling options.
4. Board not take any action at this time.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Board to approve Alternative #1. *(Because of the significance of this action, we request you receive this as information on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February and adopt on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February)*

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**RECESS IN MEETING**

Chairman Liakakis said, we need a motion on the floor to recess for approximately 15 minutes. Commissioner Gellatly said, motion. Commissioner Farrell said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of the recess, the Board reconvened the meeting of the County Commissioners.

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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.)**

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we adopt the Action Calendar. Commissioner Gellatly said, second. Commissioner Thomas said, second. Commissioner Odell said, it looks good to me.

Chairman Liakakis said, alright, 1 through 9 and under 9 A through I. Okay, we have a motion on the floor and a second. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell and Kicklighter were not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

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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 OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2009, AS MAILED.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Shay made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 13, 2009, as mailed. Commissioners Gellatly and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell and Kicklighter were not present.]

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**2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 5, 2009 THROUGH FEBRUARY 18, 2009.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Shay made a motion to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against Chatham County for the period February 5, 2009, through February 18, 2009, in the amount of \$5,184,028. Commissioners Gellatly and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell and Kicklighter were not present.]

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**3. REQUEST FROM HUSSEY, GAY, BELL AND DEYOUNG, ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, BEACON BUILDERS, INC., FOR THE COUNTY TO APPROVE CONSTRUCTED IMPROVEMENTS AND RELEASE THE FINANCIAL GUARANTEE FOR ORCHID ISLES EAST TOWNHOMES, PHASE 1. [DISTRICT 7.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Shay made a motion to approve the request from Hussey, Gay, Bell and DeYoung, engineer for the developer, Beacon Builders, Inc., for the County to approve constructed improvements and release the financial guarantee for Orchid Isles East Townhomes, Phase 1. Commissioners Gellatly and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell and Kicklighter were not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-3**

**AGENDA DATE: February 27, 2009**

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

**ISSUE:** To approve the constructed improvements and release the financial guarantee for Orchid Isles East Townhomes, Phase 1.

**BACKGROUND:** The engineer, Hussey, Gay, Bell and DeYoung, for the developer, Beacon Builders, Inc., requests that the County approve constructed improvements and release the financial guarantee for Orchid Isles East Townhomes, Phase 1.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Orchid Isles East Townhomes is a new residential subdivision located on King George Boulevard. Phase 1 of Orchid Isles consists of 61 lots on 8.28 acres. Paving and drainage improvements will be maintained by the Orchid Isles East Townhomes Homeowners Association. Water and sewer is owned and maintained by the City of Savannah.
2. The required site improvements are complete. They have been inspected and found to be without fault.
3. The developer submitted a letter of credit issued by The Savannah Bank (LOC #247) in the amount of \$130,819, which is 50% of the cost of the improvements. Upon acceptance, the letter of credit will be released and returned to the developer.
4. The streetlights in Orchid Isles East will be privately maintained by the Orchid Isles East Townhome Homeowners Association.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the constructed improvements and release the financial guarantee for Orchid Isles East Townhomes, Phase 1.
2. Do not approved the constructed improvements and release the financial guarantee.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** This action is consistent with the subdivision regulation regarding the creation of lots through plat recording.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commissioners adopt Alternative No. 1.

District 7

**PREPARED BY:** Nathaniel Panther

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**4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHATHAM COUNTY AND THE STATE OF GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY IN THE SAVANNAH HARBOR.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Shay made a motion to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between Chatham County and the State of Georgia Department of Transportation for Mosquito Control Services provided by the County in the Savannah Harbor. Commissioners Gellatly and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell and Kicklighter were not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM:** X-4

**AGENDA DATE:** February 27, 2009

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**THRU:** R. E. Abolt, County Manager

**FROM:** Linda B. Cramer, Finance Director  
Henry Lewandowski, Mosquito Control Director

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a Memorandum of Agreement between Chatham County and the State of Georgia Department of Transportation for mosquito control services provided by the County in the Savannah Harbor.

**BACKGROUND:** During its fiscal 2009 budget process, the State allotted a \$53,000 appropriation for mosquito control services provided by Chatham County in the Savannah Harbor's containment areas. Subsequently, the State informed the County that it could provide additional funding from its FY09 budget of \$53,000 for services occurring during June 30, 2009 to June 30, 2010. This would represent the fifth year the County has received funding from the DOT for this purpose.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Chatham County has provided mosquito control services in and around the Savannah Harbor for a number of years. The disease risk and nuisance created by the mosquito populations are a direct result of the harbor maintenance activities. The management of these mosquitoes limits the likelihood of West Nile Virus transmissions within and around the dredged material sites.
2. Execution of the intergovernmental agreement between the County and the State of Georgia is required to receive the State's budget allocation of \$53,000 and partially reimburse the County for the program's cost. Services would be provided during June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2010.

**FUNDING:** No revenue has yet been budgeted in fiscal 2010 from the State for mosquito control. Revenue budgets will be adjusted as the budget is developed.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is the policy of the Board to promote efficient and cost-effective operations and to diversify its sources of revenue.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the memorandum of agreement between Chatham County and the State of Georgia Department of Transportation so that Chatham County may be reimbursed for mosquito control services.
2. Provide staff with an alternative recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Alternative #1.

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**5. REVISED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF TYBEE ISLAND TO EXPAND THE CODE AND ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT SERVICES RENDERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Shay made a motion to approve a revised intergovernmental agreement with the City of Tybee Island to expand the code and ordinance enforcement services rendered by the Department of Building Safety and Regulatory Services. Commissioners Gellatly and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell and Kicklighter were not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-5**  
**AGENDA DATE: February 27, 2009**

**TO:** BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**THROUGH:** R. E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER

**FROM:** GREGORI S. ANDERSON, DIRECTOR OF BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES

**ISSUE**

Revised intergovernmental agreement with the City of Tybee Island to expand the code and ordinance enforcement services rendered by the Department of Building Safety and Regulatory Services.

**BACKGROUND**

In 1991, The county entered into an agreement with the City of Tybee Island to provide building construction inspections and plan review services. The agreement was based on a minimum flat rate for a designated amount of service time and an hourly rate for additional required time.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS**

1. Due to the restructuring of the Inspections Department, the City of Tybee Island has requested an increased service level and a physical presence from this department.
2. The revised agreement and increased service level will include the signing-off on building permits and certificates of occupancy, in addition to construction inspections.
3. Coordination of zoning approvals and site engineering inspections will also be included in the increased service level.
4. The physical presence request shall initiate the development of specific office hours within the City of Tybee Island Inspections Department to conduct in-house plan review, allow interface with the public and to answer telephone inquiries.
5. The City of Tybee Island City Council has approved the inspection services agreement at their regularly scheduled meeting of February 12, 2009.

**FUNDING**

Revenue generated at a minimum of \$23,000 annually.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve revised intergovernmental inspection services agreement with the City of Tybee Island.
2. Provided direction to staff.

POLICY ANALYSIS

The proposed agreement increases the scope of services provided to the City of Tybee Island. The compensation rate has been revised to reflect the needed time and resources to provide the increased service request. The increased scope of service can be accommodated with the current level of field staff. The County Attorney has reviewed and approved the agreement.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve alternative #1 for revised governmental agreement.

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**6. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF BEER AND WINE RETAIL LICENSE FOR 2009.  
 PETITIONER: DENNY’S RESTAURANT, LOCATED WITHIN THE BEST WESTERN AT ONE  
 GATEWAY BOULEVARD.  
 [DISTRICT 7.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Shay made a motion to approve the petition of Rita Jo Morgan, d/b/a Denny’s Restaurant, located within the Best Western at One Gateway Boulevard, for transfer of beer and wine retail license for 2009. Commissioners Gellatly and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell and Kicklighter were not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-6  
AGENDA DATE: February 27, 2009**

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THROUGH: R.E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: GREGORI S. ANDERSON, DIRECTOR OF BUILDING SAFETY  
 AND REGULATORY SERVICES  
 WILLIE LOVETT, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE

ISSUE

Request for transfer of beer and wine pouring license for 2009, Rita Jo Morgan, d/b/a Denny’s Restaurant, located within the Best Western at One Gateway Boulevard.

BACKGROUND

Ms. Morgan requests approval for transfer beer and wine pouring license in connection with an existing motel/restaurant. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage and Sunday sales Ordinance. License is being transferred from Surenda Patel to Rita Jo Morgan.

FACTS AND FINDINGS

1. The application was reviewed by the Police Department for compliance of the applicant and site distance requirements and approved.
2. The returned application was reviewed by Regulatory Services. The County Fire Marshal inspected the site for compliance with the commercial kitchen requirements and approved the facility.
3. This application is in compliance with all requirements.
4. The applicant has been notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing.

RECOMMENDATION

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

District 7

We verify that the attached report and attachments are complete and correct as to form.

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Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

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Assistant Chief Willie Lovett

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**7. REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF SUNDAY SALES OF BEER POURING LICENSE FOR 2009. PETITIONER: RUSSELL C. DAWES, JR., D/B/A SANTINO'S, INC., LOCATED AT 5548 OGEECHEE ROAD. [DISTRICT 7.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Shay made a motion to approve the petition of Russell C. Dawes, Jr., d/b/a Santino's, Inc., located at 5548 Ogeechee Road, for renewal of Sunday sales of beer pouring license for 2009. Commissioners Gellatly and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell and Kicklighter were not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-7**  
**AGENDA DATE: February 27, 2009**

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

ISSUE

Request for renewal of Sunday sales of beer pouring license for 2009, Russell C. Dawes, Jr., d/b/a Santino's Inc., located at 5548 Ogeechee Road.

BACKGROUND

Mr. Dawes requests approval for renewal of Sunday sales of beer pouring license in connection with an existing restaurant. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage and Sunday Sales Ordinance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS

1. The application was reviewed by the Police Department for compliance of the applicant and site distance requirements.
2. The returned application was reviewed by Regulatory Services. The County Fire Marshal inspected the site for compliance with the commercial kitchen requirements and approved the facility.
3. The application is in compliance with all requirements.
4. The applicant has been notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing.

RECOMMENDATION

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

District 7

We verify that the attached report and attachments are complete and correct as to form.

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Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

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Assistant Chief Willie Lovett

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- 8. REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF SUNDAY SALES OF BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE FOR 2009.**
- A. PETITIONER: WILLIAM CHARLES RHANGOS, JR., D/B/A BONNA BELLA YACHT CLUB, LOCATED AT 2740 LIVINGSTON AVENUE. [DISTRICT 3.]**
  - B. WILMA LEA WEAVER, D/B/A CHEERS TO YOU, LOCATED AT 135-B JOHNNY MERCER BOULEVARD. [DISTRICT 4.]**
  - C. MICHELE QUATTLEBAUM, D/B/A DRIFT-A-WAY CAFÉ, LOCATED AT 7400-D SKIDAWAY ROAD. [DISTRICT 1.]**
  - D. SUJEY GUZMAN, D/B/A, JALAPENOS #4, LOCATED AT 107 CHARLOTTE ROAD, SUITE A. [DISTRICT 4.]**
  - E. HUNTER SAUSSY, III, D/B/A SAVANNAH YACHT CLUB, LOCATED AT 730 BRADLEY POINT ROAD. [DISTRICT 4.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Shay made a motion to approve the requests for renewal of Sunday sales of beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 2009 for the following petitioners: (A) William Charles Rhangos, Jr., d/b/a Bonna Bella Yacht Club, located at 2740 Livingston Avenue [District 3]; (B) Wilma Lea Weaver, d/b/a Cheers To You, located at 135-B Johnny Mercer Boulevard [District 4]; (C) Michele Quattlebaum, d/b/a Drift-a-Way Café, located at 7400-D Skidaway Road [District 1]; (D) Sujey Guzman, d/b/a Jalapenos #4, located at 107 Charlotte Road, Suite A [District 4]; and (E) Hunter Saussy, III, d/b/a Savannah Yacht Club, located at 730 Bradley Point Road [District 4]. Commissioners Gellatly and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell and Kicklighter were not present.]

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

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
A. Change Order No. 1 to the contract for the Dundee Canal drainage improvements and tidegate upgrade project for additional work and extension of the contract	Engineering	L-J, Inc.	\$128,665	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Dundee Canal Drainage Project (pending Board approval of transfer)
B. Telephone and Dispatch Radio Recorder Base package	Sheriff	Integrated Network Solutions (Sole Source)	\$13,275	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff
C. Software maintenance agreement	Assessor	Radiant Software, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$17,325	General Fund/M&O - Assessor
D. Fire alarm system testing and certification and maintenance agreement	Detention Center	Brewer Technology Solutions, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$14,989	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
E. Replacement domestic water booster pump system	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Mock Plumbing and Mechanical, Inc.	\$29,000	CIP - Facilities Maintenance and Operations
F. Construction contract for the Westlake - CSX Headwalls drainage improvement project	Engineering	Griffin Contracting, Inc.	\$122,250	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Westlake Drainage project

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
G. Construction contract for the paving of Betran Street	Engineering	Sitework Construction, LLC	\$182,340	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Bond, Betran, Heather and Shore
H. Amendment to the contract to review the County employee health benefits program to conduct a Coordination of Benefits audit	Human Resources	Buck Consultants	\$27,800	Employee Health Benefits Fund
I. Hardware/ software maintenance agreement	ICS	Xiotech (Sole Source)	\$17,400	General Fund/M&O - ICS

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Shay made a motion to approve Items 9-A through 9-I, both inclusive. Commissioners Gellatly and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell and Kicklighter were not present.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-9 A thru I**  
**AGENDA DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2009**

**TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**THRU: R.E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER**

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

**SUBJECT: AWARD OF BIDS**

**ITEM A**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$128,665, to the contract with L-J, Inc., for the Dundee Canal Drainage Improvements and Tidegate Upgrade project, for additional work and the extension of the contract by 107 days.

**BACKGROUND:** The Dundee Canal Outfall project is in the Unincorporated Chatham County Stormwater Capital Improvement Program and is a part of the 2003 - 2008, SPLOST, Drainage Program.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The Dundee Canal tidegate structure provides storm water protection to areas of Unincorporated Chatham County, Garden City and Savannah. The structure, which consists of metal miter gates, concrete headwalls and earthen embankments, was originally constructed in the mid 1970s. Despite repairs to the structure in the past, the useful life of the structure is expired.
2. The contract was awarded to L-J, Inc. on 21 December 2007. The contract stipulated a completion date of 11 February 2009.
3. In December 2008, water piping was observed under the footer of the structure. This condition became evident after material obscuring the area was removed by the contractor as part of his work. Investigations by the design engineer initially indicated that no changes to the design were necessary. Continued observations and investigations resulted in a determination that the water piping was an unacceptable condition that should be corrected in order to achieve the overall project goal. These investigations also revealed that erosion below the water level downstream of the structure had worsened since the time of the survey made during project design. A portion of this Change Order will provide for steel sheet piles to be driven along the structure's footing to control the water piping.
4. During a site inspection in September 2008, it was observed that the existing earthen embankment showed signs of slope failure. Upon investigation, it was determined that the failure was caused by the methods of construction employed by the contractor. The contractor was advised of his responsibility to correct this situation at his own expense.

The contractor indicated his willingness to make corrections at no cost to the County. While considering options on how to accomplish the corrections, it was determined that soil anchors would correct the problem as well as provide additional useful project life due to the additional erosion found in the channel. The Contractor has agreed to install the anchors at his cost with the materials paid for by the County. Staff believes that the added value to the project in terms of useful life is worth the price of the soil anchor materials.

5. To install the additional materials, the contractor has requested a time extension of 107 days.
6. The additional rip rap will be provided at the unit price contained in the contract. The cost of the soil anchors and steel sheet piles have been reviewed by staff and the design engineer and found to be reasonable for the extent of effort involved.
7. Contract history:

Original contract (12-21-07)	\$1,007,446
Change Order No. 1 ( pending )	<u>128,665</u>
Revised contract amount	\$1,136,111

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2003 - 2008) - Dundee Canal Drainage Project  
(3234250 - 54.14021 - 32380417) (Pending Board approval of transfer)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of Change Order No.1 in the amount of \$128,665 to the contract with L-J, Inc., for the Dundee Canal Drainage Improvements and Tidegate Upgrade project, for additional work and the extension of the contract by 107 days.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
CHRIS MORRIS

**ITEM B**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of the \$13,275 sole source purchase of a Phone & Dispatch Radio Recorder Base Package with the associated software and necessary licensing from Integrated Network Solutions (I.N.S.) for the Sheriff's Department.

**BACKGROUND:** The current recorder and software are outdated and are no longer being supported by the manufacturer; therefore, it is necessary to replace the equipment and software.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The I.C.S. department was contacted regarding this equipment/software and on behalf of the Sheriff's Department they solicited a quote from their preferred vendor, I.N.S.
2. The Board previously approved, at their 8 August 2008 meeting, a maintenance contract for telephone equipment and repairs with I.N.S.
3. Since the phone and dispatch radio recorder will tie into the current County phone system, this purchase is considered a sole source with I.N.S.
4. Staff requested pricing from I.N.S. Their total cost for the system is \$13,275. Staff believes this cost to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** General Fund/M & O - Sheriff's Department  
(1003300 - 54.24002)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of the \$13,275 sole source purchase of a Phone & Dispatch Radio Recorder Base Package with the associated software and necessary licensing from Integrated Network Solutions (I.N.S.) for the Sheriff's Department.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

**ITEM C**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of the \$17,325 sole source software maintenance agreement from Radiant Software, Inc., for the Assessor's Office.

**BACKGROUND:** This maintenance agreement is for the County's existing Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) software. This software is necessary to generate values, assessments, the digest and all necessary reports required by the Department of Revenue for digest submission.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Maintenance provides for assistance with any problems associated with the software. In addition, the software maintenance agreement provides for the development of State mandated changes and establishes the custom programming rates for any additional CAMA software changes requested by the County.
2. The maintenance agreement is from 1 February 2009 thru 30 September 2009. This period of time is required to ensure the smooth, continuous operation of our appraisal and assessment software while in transition to the new CAMA system.
3. The sole source provider, Radiant Software, Inc., is the only company authorized to maintain and make proprietary changes to the software.
4. Staff believes the total maintenance cost of \$17,325 to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** General Fund/M & O - Assessor  
(1001550 - 52.13011)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of the \$17,325 sole source software maintenance agreement from Radiant Software, Inc., for the Assessor's Office.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to provide software maintenance agreements for the using departments.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
CHRIS MORRIS

**ITEM D**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of the \$11,154 sole source purchase with Brewer Technology Solutions, Inc., of Brunswick, GA for Fire Alarm System Testing and Certification for the Detention Center. Additionally, staff is requesting the Board to approve an annual maintenance agreement in the amount of \$11,500 to be paid quarterly in the amount of \$3,833.

**BACKGROUND:** On 10 November 2006, the Board of Commissioners approved an emergency service request to evaluate the fire alarm system. The initial contractor failed to complete the installation of the fire alarm system, thus defaulting on the contract. Brewer Technology Solutions, Inc., was then contracted to complete the installation of the current system.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The yearly state inspection on the fire alarm systems is due by 15 March 2009. The yearly inspection will satisfy the State Fire Code requirements, as well as the American Correctional Association Standard.
2. Brewer Technology Solutions, Inc., is the regional licensed service provider for Gamewell Fire Alarm Systems (proprietary software), as the most recent knowledge of the system and they have the manufacturers authorized password to perform work on the fire alarm system.

**FUNDING:** General Fund M& O - Detention Center  
(1003326 - 52.22001)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of the \$11,154 sole source purchase with Brewer Technology Solutions, Inc., of Brunswick, GA for Fire Alarm System Testing and Certification for the Detention Center. Additionally, staff is requesting the Board to approve an annual maintenance agreement in the amount of \$11,500 to be paid quarterly in the amount of \$3,833.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve contracts when it is a life/safety matter.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

**ITEM E**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of the \$29,000 purchase of a replacement domestic water booster pump system from Mock Plumbing and Mechanical, Inc. of Savannah, Georgia for the Judicial Courthouse.

**BACKGROUND:** The function of this system is to provide domestic water to all six (6) floors of the Courthouse to include restrooms, drinking fountains, kitchens and janitor closets. The current system is well over twenty years old and is beyond repair.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. This purchase will replace one (1) that is beyond economic repair. The water booster pump system is essential to the operations at the courthouse. The loss of service the system provides would pose a threat to the health and safety of employees and the public.
2. A Request for Quotation was sent to five (5) prospective firms and quotes were received on 10 February 2009 as follows:

Mock Plumbing and Mechanical Inc. Savannah, GA	\$29,000
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Boaen Mechanical \$29,975  
Savannah, GA

- Staff believes the quote provided by Mock Plumbing and Mechanical, Inc. to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** CIP - Facilities Maintenance and Operations  
(3501565 - 54.13001 - 35030002)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- Board approval of the \$29,000 purchase of a replacement domestic water booster pump system from Mock Plumbing and Mechanical, Inc. of Savannah, Georgia for the Judicial Courthouse, 133 Montgomery Street.
- Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of necessary equipment to ensure the safety of employees and the public.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
CHRIS MORRIS

**ITEM F**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$122,250 contract, with Griffin Contracting, Inc., for the Westlake-CSX Headwalls Drainage Improvements project.

**BACKGROUND:** The project is a part of the 1998-2003 SPLOST Westlake Drainage Program. This project was approved by the Board in 1996. Phase 1 which included improvements downstream of the CSX railroad crossing through Hunter Army Airfield is complete.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

- The project originally envisaged construction of a new outfall along the north side of CSX railroad property to an existing RR undercrossing. In early 2003, Staff adopted a new plan based upon buying flood prone properties in the Westlake area. The buyout was completed in 2007.
- This project is located on CSX Railroad property where drainage from the Westlake area flows onto the Hunter Army Airfield. Across the railroad's property, the drainage flows through two separate sets of culvert pipes under the tracks. These pipes are prone to frequent blockages due to floating branches and/or beaver activity. The blockages cause water to back up into residential areas of Unincorporated Chatham County and the City of Savannah. With the cooperation of the railroad and to the extent possible, work has been completed to remove vegetation away from the water's edge.
- This project is to install concrete headwalls and channel paving at the ends of the culverts in order to reduce natural blockages and to discourage beaver activity. The headwalls will also help to make debris removal more efficient.
- The project was properly advertised and three bids were received and opened February 4, 2009. The results are as follows:

Griffin Contracting, Inc. Pooler, GA	\$ 122,250
E & D Contracting Services, Inc.* Savannah, GA	\$ 174,766
TIC - The Industrial Company Savannah, GA	\$ 319,504

\*WBE firm

5. Staff believes that the price bid by Griffin Contracting, Inc. is a reasonable cost for the work involved and that the bid is responsive to the requirements of the County.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (1998 - 2003) - Westlake Drainage project  
(3224250 - 54.14021 - 32280197)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$122,250 contract, with Griffin Contracting, Inc., for the Westlake-CSX Headwalls 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 the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
ESTELLE BROWN

**ITEM G**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award a \$182,340 construction contract to Sitework Construction, LLC to pave Betran Street.

**BACKGROUND:** Betran Street is on the list of unpaved roads in Unincorporated Chatham County. The Board approved a design contract with EMC Engineering Services, Inc. on 11 April 2003.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. This project was properly advertised and ten bids were received and opened 11 February 2009. The bid results are as follows:

Sitework Construction, LLC Savannah, GA	\$182,340
Clifton Construction, Inc.** Garden City, GA	\$185,738
Southeastern Civil, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$198,807
A. D. Williams Construction Co., Inc. Savannah, GA	\$198,990
Bryco, Inc. Pembroke, GA	\$199,200
Seaboard Construction Co. Brunswick, GA	\$209,190
Griffin Contracting, Inc. Pooler, GA	\$209,998
Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc. * Hardeeville, SC	\$240,763
R. B. Baker Construction, Inc. Garden City, GA	\$245,900
E&D Contracting Services, Inc.** Savannah, GA	\$253,587

\* MBE firm

\*\*WBE firm

2. Staff believes the bid from Sitework Construction LLC to be fair and reasonable and within the projected construction estimate.
3. The project is expected to be completed within 130 days from the Notice To Proceed.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (1993 - 1998) - Bond, Betran, Heather and Shore  
(3214220 - 54.14001 - 32156277)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to award a \$182,340 construction contract to Sitework Construction, LLC to pave Betran Street.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
ESTELLE BROWN

**ITEM H**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$27,800 contract amendment to Buck Consultants to conduct a Coordination of Benefits (COB) audit for the Chatham County Employee Health Plan.

**BACKGROUND:** The County's Medical Health Plan is administered through an agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia (BCBS).

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The County originally contracted with Buck Consultants to review the County's employee health benefits program. Buck has significant experience in auditing third party administrators. They performed this work for the City of Savannah a number of years ago when the City was under contract with BCBS to administer their health plan.
2. The Board approved at their 13 April 2007, a contract amendment to Buck Consulting to conduct a medical claims audit of the County's health benefits program.
3. Staff believes that Buck Consultants's background with the County's health plan justifies the amendment to the contract adding this additional services.
4. Buck Consultants quoted staff a fee of \$27,800 to conduct a Coordination of Benefits (COB) audit. Staff believes this cost to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** Employee Health Benefits Fund  
(6509130 - 57.30101)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$27,800 contract amendment to Buck Consultants to conduct a Coordination of Benefits (COB) audit for the Chatham County Employee Health Plan.
2. Provide staff other direction

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** The County's external auditors have recommended that the County conduct a periodic claims audit on entities that process the County's medical benefits. This amendment will ensure that claims paid on the County's behalf are in accordance with the agreement between Chatham County and BCBS.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ITEM I**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of the \$17,400 sole source annual maintenance on the storage area network from Xiotech, for the I.C.S. department.

**BACKGROUND:** The County’s storage area network (SAN) is a controlled unit of disk storage. This is the repository of nearly all County data. This storage is attached to the County’s host computers which are now being bought without significant disk systems of their own. This maintenance is for hardware and software support for one (1) year.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

- 1. The annual cost with Xiotech, the sole source provider, is \$17,400. This price reflects an increase from last year due to the purchase of newer drives.
- 2. Xiotech is the only authorized firm to make necessary changes to the proprietary software.
- 3. Staff believes the total cost of \$17,400 for the annual maintenance to be fair and reasonable.

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1. Board approve the \$17,400 sole source annual maintenance on the storage area network from Xiotech, for the I.C.S. department.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary maintenance agreements on the County’s computer system.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
GLORIA SAUGH

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**

**1. AMENDMENT TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY REVENUE ORDINANCE FOR CHANGES TO THE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX PER GEORGIA LAW AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CORRECTIONS TO INSPECTION FEES AND ANIMAL REGISTRATION FEES.**

Commissioner Odell said, move for approval of Item 1. Commissioner Shay said, second.

County Manager Abolt said, housekeeping.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. We have a motion on the floor and a second. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell and Kicklighter were not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Odell made a motion to approve an amendment to the Chatham County Revenue ordinance for changes to the hotel/motel tax per Georgia law and to make various corrections to inspection fees and animal registration fees changing Article F Section 1 to “thirty consecutive days” and amending Articles Q and T as per the staff report. Commissioner Shay seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell and Kicklighter were not present.]

**~~AGENDA ITEM: XI-1~~**  
**~~AGENDA DATE: February 13, 2009~~**

**AGENDA ITEM: XII-1**  
**AGENDA DATE: February 27, 2009**

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

**ISSUE:**  
 Modify the Chatham County Revenue Ordinance for changes to the hotel/motel tax per Georgia law and to make various corrections to inspection fees and animal registration fees.

**BACKGROUND:**  
 The County’s current Revenue Ordinance was updated and approved by the Board of Commissioners on September 5, 2008. Due to recent law changes, it is recommended that the hotel/motel section of the ordinance be changed. Also, various changes are needed for inspection and animal registration fees.

- FACTS AND FINDINGS:**
1. Recently the Georgia Revenue Code 48-13-51 (h) 4 was amended changing the time visitors are allowed to stay in a hotel/motel without being charged the tax. Originally, after 10 days, no tax was charged. The code was amended to 30 consecutive days.
  2. Article F, Section 1 of the Chatham County Revenue Ordinance needs to be changed to reflect the law changes.
  3. Several items under inspection fees and animal control fees are incorrect and need to be amended.

**FUNDING:**  
 N/A

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**  
 In accordance with adopted financial policies, the Finance Department will submit an updated Revenue Ordinance for approval each year within 45 days of annual budget adoption. Amendments to the Ordinance may be submitted throughout the year.

- ALTERNATIVES:**
1. As described in Facts and Findings, modify the Revenue Ordinance to change Article F Section 1 to “thirty consecutive days” and to amend Article Q and T as per attached.

- 2. Provide the Finance Department with other guidance.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board follow Alternative 1.

**Revenue Ordinance Changes for 2009**

**Article Q - Section 8 - Animal Control Fees**

The correct fees for Single Animal Licenses should be as follows (remove under/over 8 months differentiation):

Un-neutered male dog	\$35
Un-neutered male cat	35
Un-spayed female dog	35
Un-spayed female cat	35
Neutered male dog	5
Neutered male cat	5
Spayed female dog	5
Spayed female cat	5

**Article T - Section 7 - Docks**

For the construction of each dock, the fee will be per the following:

- a. Residential construction of a dock will be assessed a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) plus a six dollar (\$6.00) fee per one thousand dollars (\$1000) of construction value.
- b. Commercial or Multi-family construction of a dock will be assessed a fee of fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) plus a seven dollar (R7.00) fee per one thousand dollars (\$1000) of construction value.

**Article T - Section 11 - Well Installation**

Shallow well (less than 100 feet)	\$50.00
Deep well - Residential (single family)	\$50.00 plus \$6 per thousand
Commercial (multi-family)	\$50.00 plus \$7 per thousand

**Article T - Section 15 - Pools**

Installation of swimming pools:

Residential (single family)	\$35.00 plus \$6 per thousand
Commercial (multi-family)	\$55.00 plus \$7 per thousand

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**2. AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF CHATHAM COUNTY TO ADD A NEW SECTION, 21-110, "ENFORCEMENT OF CHATHAM COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REGULATIONS," TO ADOPT THE CHATHAM COUNTY HEALTH ORDINANCE FOR ENFORCEMENT IN CHATHAM COUNTY RECORDER'S COURT.**

Commissioner Shay said, so moved, Mr. Chairman. Commissioners Holmes and Odell said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second. Go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell and Kicklighter were not present.]

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Shay made a motion to adopt the amendment to the Code of Chatham County to add a new Section 21-110 "Enforcement of Chatham County Environmental Health Regulations," to adopt the Chatham County Health Ordinance for enforcement in Chatham County Recorder's Court. Commissioners Holmes and Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell and Kicklighter were not present.]

~~AGENDA ITEM: XI-2~~  
~~AGENDA DATE: February 13, 2009~~

AGENDA ITEM: XII-2  
AGENDA DATE: February 27, 2009

February 9, 2009

## MEMO

**TO:** Chatham County Board of Commissioners

**THROUGH:** R. E. Abolt, County Manager  
Diane Z. Weems, M.D., Administrator  
Chatham County Health Department

**FROM:** R. Chris Rustin, Environmental Health Director  
Chatham County Health Department

### ISSUE:

Amendment to the Code of Chatham County to add a new section, 21-110, "Enforcement of Chatham County Environmental Health Regulations," to adopt the Chatham County Health Ordinance for enforcement in Chatham County Recorder's Court.

### BACKGROUND:

The Chatham County Health Department, Environmental Health Division, is responsible for inspection and enforcement of various state and local health codes. The majority of these codes are state codes, with enforcement authority given to the local Board of Health through its Master Agreement with the Georgia Division of Public Health. The local codes are specific board of health codes adopted specifically for Chatham County. These health codes are in place to protect the health and safety of all citizens and visitors of Chatham County.

While the health department strives to work with individuals for a resolution of health code violations, there are times when individuals refuse to comply, and legal enforcement is required. The current method of enforcement requires the health department to seek relief in Chatham County Superior Court.

### FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Superior court is time consuming and costly to the health department budget, as legal counsel is required. Chatham County Health Department inspection staff can represent the department and present the case in recorders court.
2. A review of other departments' code enforcement activities shows that county code violations are typically heard in recorders court.
3. Dr. Diane Weems contacted Chief Judge Dillon of recorders court, and he advised that his court could handle our caseload and looked forward to working with the department.
4. Adopting the proposed ordinance will allow the Chatham County Health Department a more efficient way to enforce its rules and regulations and be in line with other county departments that enforce codes, such as zoning and property maintenance.

### ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the request to adopt the Chatham County Health Ordinance.
2. Do not approve the request.

### FUNDING:

No funding is required.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

Once approval is given, the Chatham County Health Department can utilize this method of enforcement, when warranted, to ensure compliance with the health codes. This will provide a more efficient and effective method to resolve citizen complaints. This enforcement ordinance will put Chatham County in line with other departments and other counties within our health district.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The board of commissioners adopts Alternative # 1.

RCR/DZW:cdr

Cc: W. Douglas Skelton, M.D., Director, Coastal Health District

STATE OF GEORGIA        )  
  )  
COUNTY OF CHATHAM    )

ENFORCEMENT OF CHATHAM COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REGULATIONS  
AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 21 OF THE CODE OF CHATHAM COUNTY

**§21-110     Enforcement of Chatham County Environmental Health Regulations.**

An ordinance adopting and enacting a code of enforcement of rules and regulations of the Chatham County Board of Health; express adoption of applicable rules and regulations; delegation of duties of implementation and enforcement to Chatham County Board of Health; provision for criminal penalties for the violation thereof; providing for provision of procedural rights; establishment of jurisdiction of recorders court over violators of this ordinance. All for the protection and preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the people of Chatham County, Georgia. There are currently in existence certain rules and regulations adopted by the Chatham County Board of Health with the purpose of preserving the public health, safety, and welfare of citizens of Chatham County, Georgia.

1. This ordinance specifically incorporates by reference the provision of the following rules and regulations, which are in force at the time of the adoption of this ordinance:
  - a. Rules and Regulations pertaining to Rabies Control (adopted by the Department of Human Resources and policies of the Chatham County Board of Health pertaining to Rabies Control;
  - b. Rules and Regulations pertaining to Food Service (adopted by the Department of Human Resources and being Chapter 290-5-14 as subsequently amended and updated), and policies of the Chatham County Board of Health pertaining to Food Service;
  - c. Rules and Regulations pertaining to Tourist Accommodations (adopted by the Department of Human Resources and being Chapter 290-5-18 as subsequently amended and updated), and policies of the Chatham County Board of Health pertaining to Tourist Accommodations;
  - d. Rules and Regulations for On-Site Sewage Management Systems (adopted by the Department of Human Resources and being Chapter 290-5-26 as subsequently amended and updated), and policies of the Chatham County Board of Health pertaining to On-Site Sewage Management Systems;
  - e. Rules and Regulations pertaining to the Storage, Collection and Disposal of Garbage for Chatham County, Georgia (adopted by the Chatham County Board of Health as subsequently amended and updated), and policies of the Chatham County Board of Health pertaining to Garbage;

- f. Rules and Regulations pertaining to Public Swimming Pools, Spas, and Recreational Water Parks (adopted by the Chatham County Board of Health and being Chapter 290-5-57 as subsequently amended and updated), and policies of the Chatham County Board of Health pertaining to Public Swimming Pools, Spas, and Recreational Water Parks;
  - g. Rules and Regulations pertaining to Body Art Studios and Tattoo/Body Piercing Artists (adopted by the Chatham County Board of Health as subsequently amended and updated), and policies of the Chatham County Board of Health pertaining to Body Art; and
  - h. Rules and Regulations pertaining to "Hand Watering" of Gray Water (adopted by the Chatham County Board of Health as subsequently amended and updated), and policies of the Chatham County Board of Health pertaining to Gray Water; and
  - i. Resolution by the Chatham County Board of health requiring the payment of inspection fees and providing for suspension of permits for non-payment of same.
2. The duty of implementation and enforcement of these regulations rests with the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, and by virtue of this ordinance is hereby expressly delegated to the Chatham County Board of Health who is hereby charged with promulgation of sufficient procedures for insuring compliance with these rules and regulations by the citizens of Chatham County or those individuals found within the boundaries of Chatham County. The Chatham County Board of Health is directed to implement procedures, which will insure that the citizens of Chatham County or those individuals found within the boundaries of Chatham County will receive all procedural rights to which they are entitled under the laws of the State of Georgia.
  3. Any violation of the rules and regulations hereby referenced shall be a violation of this ordinance and shall be a misdemeanor offense. Any violator shall be subject to the imposition of a fine not to exceed \$1000.00, and any violator may be subject to any additional penalties as allowed by law or ordinance. Any failure of payment of inspection fees listed within the fee schedule adopted by the Chatham County Board of health and approved by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners within 14 days of notice, may result in suspension of permit.
  4. The Recorder's Court of Chatham County shall have jurisdiction over violators of this ordinance and all procedures for enforcement of such ordinance shall be as provided in the Official Code of Georgia, 31-5. Complaints of violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be brought before the Recorder's Court by a designated representative of the Chatham County Board of Health and shall be prosecuted through that court.

The effective date of this ordinance shall be \_\_\_\_\_.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY:

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Pete Liakakis, Chairman  
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

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Sybil E. Tillman, Clerk  
Chatham County Commission  
[SEAL]

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3. **RECOMMENDATION TO REVISE THE CHATHAM COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE. THE CHATHAM COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REVISE THE CHATHAM COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE. MPC FILE NUMBER: DD 20080813-06-1 [ALL DISTRICTS - TEXT AMENDMENT.]**

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

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Shay made a motion to approve a revision to the Chatham County Historic Preservation Ordinance. Commissioners Stone and Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell and Kicklighter were not present.]

~~Related to AGENDA ITEM: XI-3~~  
~~Agenda item: February 13, 2009~~  
**AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3**  
**AGENDA DATE: February 27, 2009**

**DATE:** January 21, 2009  
**TO:** Thomas L. Thomson, MPC Executive Director  
**FROM:** Jonathan Hart, County Attorney  
**SUBJECT:** Process to Revise Chatham County Historic Preservation ordinance

In response to your memo pertaining to the Chatham County Historic Preservation Ordinance, this matter can be sent on to the Board of Commission for approval. The Chatham County Historic Preservation Ordinance was not intended to be a part of the Zoning Ordinance, but rather a stand alone ordinance. Hence, there is no reason that the approval process would warrant any action of the Historic Preservation Commission. For informational purposes, you may go forward with advising the MPC Board of the pending action before the Board of Commission.

RJH/dc

cc: Chairman Pete Liakakis and Board of Commission  
R. E. Abolt, County Manager

~~AGENDA ITEM: XI-3~~  
~~Agenda item: February 13, 2009~~

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

**AGENDA HEADING:**

**Recommendation to revise the Chatham County Historic Preservation Ordinance. The Chatham County Historic Preservation Commission (CCHPC) recommends APPROVAL to the Chatham County Board of Commissioners to revise the Chatham County Historic Preservation Ordinance. MPC File Number 20080813-06-1**

**ISSUE:**

Adopt revisions to the Chatham County Historic Preservation Ordinance in order to pursue Certified Local Government status.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Chatham County Historic Preservation Ordinance was adopted by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners on November 8, 2005. **[CORRECT DATE: 11/18/05]**

On February 6, 2008 the CCHPC recommended that Chatham County apply to become a Certified Local Government (CLG) as provided for in the National Historic Preservation Act and the Georgia Historic Preservation Act.

On February 22, 2008 the Board of Commissioners approved Chatham County submitting an application to becoming a Certified Local Government.

Subsequent discussions with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) staff have indicated that the current Chatham County Historic Preservation Ordinance is inconsistent with the Georgia Historic Preservation Act, and therefore may be denied CLG status. Specifically the clause of the Ordinance which allows a majority of property owners in a nominated district who object to the designation to prevent a designation from being voted on by the Board of Commissioners, as this takes the final decision-making ability away from the elected officials. This authority is specifically granted to the elected officials in the Georgia Historic Preservation Act.

Other proposed revisions to the Chatham County Historic Preservation Ordinance include making the language more consistent and removing the "Conservation District" designation category.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. **Certified Local Government Benefits:** The benefits of becoming a CLG are significant and include grant eligibility, technical assistance, recognition, improved communication with state and federal agencies, etc. The revisions to the ordinance would allow Chatham County to become a CLG.
2. **Proposed Revisions**
  - a. **Owner Consent Clause:**
    - The Chatham County Historic Preservation Ordinance Section IV E. 4, states that, "If the majority of such private property owners do not object, the Chatham County Commission may approve the proposed designation."
    - The Georgia Historic Preservation Act Section 44-10-28(b)(3) states that, "Following the public hearing, the local governing body may adopt the ordinance as prepared, adopt the ordinance with any amendments it deems necessary, or reject the proposal."
    - This "owner consent clause" has been determined to be inconsistent with the Georgia Historic Preservation Act in the past.
  - b. **Language Consistency:**
    - Many of the proposed revisions address language consistency. These changes will not affect the meaning or intent of the ordinance.
  - c. **Removal of the Designation of Conservation Districts:**
    - The Georgia Historic Preservation Act does not address the designation.
    - There are currently no Conservation Districts designated or being considered for dispute.
    - As this designation is not based on the historic character of an area, perhaps the historic preservation ordinance is not the appropriate place for this designation.
3. **Property Owner Protections:** It is not the intent of the CCHPC to impose historic district designation on property owners where less than 50% of property owners are in favor of the designation.
  - a. **Resolution of Intent:** The CCHPC approved a "Resolution of Intent" at their November 5, 2008 meeting (see attached), noting the intent of the proposed revisions to the historic preservation ordinance is to qualify for local government status.
  - b. **Application Requirements:** The application to become a historic district, as approved by the CCHPC, requires that more than 50% of property

owners within a proposed district sign a petition consenting to the designation before the application is processed.

- c. Public Hearings: There are at least three public hearings on all historic district designations (one by the CCHPC and two by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners) to ensure the property owners are informed about the designation and have the opportunity to object. The Chatham County Board of Commissioners makes the final decision regarding historic district designation.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Adopt the revisions to the Chatham County Historic Preservation Ordinance.
2. Do not adopt the revisions to the Chatham County Historic Preservation Ordinance.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The purpose and intent of the Chatham County Historic Preservation Ordinance is to establish a uniform procedure to provide for the protection, enhancement, perpetuation and use of areas having a special historical, cultural, or aesthetic interest or value. Revising the ordinance in order to be in compliance with the State Historic Preservation Act and becoming a Certified Local Government further the intent of the ordinance.

**RECOMMENDATION: The Preservation Professional and the CCHPC recommend Approval of the adoption of the revisions to the Chatham County Historic Preservation Ordinance.**

**All Districts:**

PREPARED BY: Ellen I. Harris  
Preservation Professional  
January 21, 2009

DATE: November 20, 2008

TO: Jonathan Hart, County Attorney

THRU: Russ Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Thomas L. Thomson, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Process to Revise Chatham County Historic Preservation Ordinance

Thank you for your response to the proposed revisions to the Chatham County Historic Preservation Ordinance. As we have proceeded to move forward with these revisions, a few legal questions have arisen regarding the appropriate process to amend the ordinance.

The Chatham County Historic Preservation Commission approved the revisions on November 5, 2008 and voted unanimously to recommend approval to the County Commission.

When the Chatham County Historic Preservation Ordinance was originally adopted by the County Commission in 2005, it was not (to our knowledge) assigned a section number within the Zoning Ordinance, so it is also not clear if it is a part of the Zoning Ordinance or a stand-alone ordinance. If the revisions are considered a zoning text amendment, do they need to go through the MPC Board before they are reviewed by the County Commission?

The Chatham County Zoning Ordinance clearly establishes that zoning text and map amendments should be reviewed by the MPC Board before going to the County Commission.

The current Chatham County Historic Preservation Ordinance does not directly address this particular issue, but it does state that Historic District and Property Designations (which are zoning text and map amendments) go to the CCHPC first and then directly to the County Commission (no MPC Board review). This closely follows the policies established in the GA Historic Preservation Act. Two historic property designations have already gone through the CCHPC directly to the County Commission. Is our



Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman. Chairman Liakakis said, yes. Commissioner Stone said, I'm going to make a motion for approval and if there's a second, I want to make a comment. Commissioner Shay said, second. Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Commissioner Stone said, I would like to thank all of the residents of Pin Point for showing up along with Ms. Harris, Sunday afternoon meetings, going through this material, being very diligent about their community and the welfare of their community, and I would just like to commend them for all the work that you all put into this and thank you very much.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell and Kicklighter were not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

#### **ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone made a motion to approve the petition of Pin Point Betterment Association, Inc., represented by Herman Haynes, President, and adoption of an ordinance designating Pin Point as a Historic District on the Chatham County Register of Historic Places. Commissioner Holmes and Shay seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell and Kicklighter were not present.]

~~AGENDA ITEM: XI-4~~

~~AGENDA DATE: February 13, 2009~~

AGENDA ITEM: XII-4

AGENDA DATE: February 27, 2009

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

#### **LEGAL NOTICE/AGENDA HEADING:**

**The petitioner, the Pin Point Betterment Association, Inc. represented by Herman Haynes, President, is requesting designation of Pin Point as a Historic District on the Chatham County Register of Historic Places. The Chatham County Historic Preservation Commission (CCHPC) recommends APPROVAL of the adoption of an ordinance to designate Pin Point as a Historic District on the Chatham County Register of Historic Places. MPC File No. DD20071002-03-1 District 1**

#### **ISSUE:**

Adopting an ordinance to designate Pin Point as a Historic District on the Chatham County Register of Historic Places.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Pin Point Betterment Association applied to become a local historic district as per the Chatham County Historic Preservation Ordinance on October 2, 2007. Of the 89 properties within the proposed historic district boundaries, the Association collected the signatures of 60 property owners, reflecting a 67% consent rate. MPC staff held 7 workshops with the neighborhood association at their monthly meetings to develop the design standards.

The Chatham County Historic Preservation Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the historic district designation ordinance to the Board of Commissioners on January 7, 2009. Should the designation ordinance be adopted, this will be the first Historic District designated on the Chatham County Register of Historic Places. Two historic properties (New Ogeechee Missionary Baptist Church on Chevis Road and Maridon, a private property on Wilmington Island) have already been designated.

#### **FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. **Public Notice:** Notice of the CCHPC public hearing was published in three consecutive issues of the Savannah Morning News and written notice of the hearing was mailed to the owners and occupants of the affected properties prior to the public hearing. Notice of the Board of Commissioners meeting was published in three consecutive issues of the Savannah Morning News and written notice of the hearing was mailed to the owners of the affected properties prior to the public hearing.
2. **Area:** The subject area comprises 89 parcels and is approximately 135 acres in size. The area is located on the west side of Diamond Causeway, south of Bond Avenue, and north of the Moon River.

The eastern boundary runs beside Sweet Fields of Eden Church (see attached map). The proposed boundaries of the historic district will follow the traditional boundaries of Pin Point to include the highest number of contributing resources.

3. **History:** The Pin Point community is a historically African-American community. The first residents were freed slaves who settled there after a hurricane caused extensive damage on Ossabaw Island in the 1880s. Many of the residents still trace direct lineage from these original settlers. Early residents made a living through maritime industries such as catching fish, shrimp, oysters, and crabs. The first oyster factory was established on the marsh near the current Diamond Causeway by a South Carolinian named Tombs or Toomer in the 1920s (identified on the map as #54). Also in the 1920s two separate oyster factories were established at site #14, the foundations of which still exist. In 1926 AS Varn and Son Cannery established an oyster factory on a larger scale which provided seafood to City Market and restaurants throughout the US. The factory closed in 1983 though the buildings remain intact. The area was identified as a historic district in the Historic and Cultural Resources section of the Comprehensive Plan.
4. **Designation Criteria:** As per the criteria set forth in the Chatham County Historic Preservation Ordinance, Section IV. D., the district meets Criterion D as a site of natural and aesthetic interest that continues to contribute the cultural and historical development and heritage of the county.
5. **Zoning:** Designation as a Historic District will add a Zoning Overlay to the area, changing it from R-1/EO (One Family Residential/ Environmental Overlay) to R-1/EO/HO (One Family Residential/ Environmental Overlay/ Historic Overlay), W-I/EO (Waterfront Industry/ Environmental Overlay) to W-I/EO/HO (Waterfront Industry/ Environmental Overlay/ Historic Overlay), R-3-10/TC (Multi-Family Residential/ Town Center Overlay) to R-3-10/ TC /HO (Multi-Family Residential/ Town Center Overlay/ Historic Overlay), and C-M/EO (Conservation Marsh/Environmental Overlay) C-M/ EO/ HO (Conservation Marsh/ Environmental Overlay/ Historic Overlay).

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the ordinance to designate Pin Point as a Historic District on the Chatham County Register of Historic Places.
2. Do not approve the ordinance to designate Pin Point as a Historic District on the Chatham County Register of Historic Places.

#### **FUNDING:**

No funding required.

#### **POLICY ANALYSIS:**

The purpose and intent of the historic preservation ordinance is to establish a uniform procedure to provide for the protection, enhancement, perpetuation and use of areas having a special historical, cultural, or aesthetic interest or value. Designating Pin Point as a Historic District furthers the intent of the ordinance.

**RECOMMENDATION: The Preservation Professional and the CCHPC recommend Approval of the adoption of the ordinance to designate Pin Point as a Historic District on the Chatham County Register of Historic Places as follows:**

**ENACT**

**PIN POINT**

#### **HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGNATION ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE THE PIN POINT HISTORIC DISTRICT WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED COUNTY, TO PRESCRIBE THE BOUNDARIES OF SUCH HISTORIC DISTRICT, TO REQUIRE A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FROM THE CHATHAM COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION PRIOR TO ANY MATERIAL CHANGE IN APPEARANCE OF THE DISTRICT, TO ESTABLISH DESIGN STANDARDS, TO ESTABLISH THE BOUNDARIES TO BE SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE COUNTY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Board of Commissioners of Chatham County established the Chatham County Historic Preservation Commission under the Historic Preservation Ordinance of 2005;

Pursuant to its purposes under said Ordinance, the Commission has recommended to the Board of Commissioners the establishment the Pin Point Historic District in Chatham County;

The Commission's recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for the designation comes at the request of the neighborhood association, after the Commission's conducting of a survey of the historic resources and a study of historic characteristics of the area recommended for designation, and after holding a public hearing on such designation;

The Board of Commissioners upon consideration of the recommendation of the Chatham County Historic Preservation Commission find that the proposed historic district worthy of preservation by reason of being a site of natural and aesthetic interest that continues to contribute to the cultural and historical development and heritage of the county.

The Board of Commissioners hereby ordains as follows:

#### SECTION I

##### Purpose and Intent

- A. The intent of this ordinance is to establish the Pin Point Historic District and establish specific design standards for the district to supplement the Development Standards of the Chatham County Historic Preservation Ordinance which reflect the individual character of the Pin Point Historic District.
- B. The standards are intended to protect the historic and aesthetic characteristics of the existing historic resources.
- C. The standards are further intended to provide guidance as to appropriate new construction and additions within the historic district.
- D. The Chatham County Historic Preservation Commission may, at its sole discretion, waive strict compliance and interpretation of the design standards, provided that a proposed change is not detrimental to any historic resource, is deemed visually compatible by the Commission, and complies with all other standards, regulations, and/or requirements of applicable ordinances and codes.

#### SECTION II

##### Boundaries

The boundaries of the historic district shall be shown on the official zoning map and the "Pin Point Historic District Contributing Resources Map," and shall be the area bounded on the north by the centerline of Bond Avenue and including parcel 1-0470-02-006; on the east by the centerline of the Diamond Causeway; on the south by Moon River; and on the west by parcel 1-0469 -01-009 and abutting parcels.

#### SECTION III

##### Relationship to Zoning Districts

In all zoning districts within the boundaries of the historic district, the regulations for both the base zoning district and the historic district overlay shall apply. Whenever there is conflict between the regulations of the base zoning district and the regulations of the historic district overlay, the regulations of the historic district overlay shall apply.

#### SECTION IV

##### Classification of Resources

All resources within the district shall be identified as contributing or non-contributing. Contributing resources shall be shown on the "Pin Point Historic District Contributing Resources Map" adopted by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners.

#### SECTION V

##### Applicability

The following elements shall be consistent with the standards:

- A. All additions to any existing resource visible from the public right-of-way that increases the habitable space of the resource (including enclosing a porch, adding a roof dormer, etc.);

- B. All new construction, including accessory buildings or structures, visible from the public right-of-way;
- C. All relocations of resources visible from the public right-of-way;
- D. All demolitions of resources visible from the public right-of-way;
- E. All signs; and
- F. Site structures or elements including fencing, paving, and pools.

## SECTION VI

### Additions

**Intent:** These standards are intended to ensure appropriate additions on contributing resources. They are intended to protect the historic integrity of the resource while allowing new or expanded uses.

#### **Standards:**

- A. Additions to non-contributing resources shall comply with standards for new construction.
- B. Additions to contributing resources shall comply with the following standards as well as standards for new construction:
  - (1) Additions shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the resource would be unimpaired.
  - (2) Additions shall be subordinate to the resource and not obscure or destroy any historic features.
  - (3) Additions shall not be on the primary or front facade of the resource.

## SECTION VII

### New Construction

**Intent:** The intent of these standards is to ensure appropriate new construction within the historic district. They are intended not to promote copies of the architectural designs of the past, but to encourage contemporary designs that protect and complement existing historic resources.

#### A. Location

**Intent:** The intent of these standards is to ensure that new construction is sited appropriately on the parcel and that the rhythm of buildings on the street maintains the established pattern.

#### **Standards:**

- (1) Accessory buildings and structures shall be situated in the side or rear yard.
- (2) Setbacks:
  - a. The underlying base zoning shall determine side and rear yard setbacks.
  - b. The front yard setback shall be a minimum of ten (10) feet and shall be compatible with buildings to which it is visually related. Greater consideration shall be given to contributing resources.

#### B. Height and Mass

**Intent:** The intent of these standards is to ensure that the height and mass of new construction is visually compatible with buildings to which they are visually related, with greater consideration given to contributing buildings.

#### **Standards:**

- (1) The height and mass of the contributing building shall not be exceeded by any accessory building or structure on the same parcel.

- (2) The maximum height of new construction shall be 36 feet above grade or the 100 year base flood elevation; whichever is higher, provided it does not exceed two (2) stories, excluding appurtenances otherwise exempt by the Zoning Ordinance (see Chatham County Zoning Ordinance Section 5.2).
- (3) The mass shall be subdivided both horizontally and vertically to convey a sense of human scale and visual interest that reflects the traditional size of buildings.
- (4) The maximum building footprint shall not exceed 2,500 square feet of enclosed heated and/or cooled space; provided, however, one-story buildings may have a maximum building footprint of 3,000 square feet.

C. Foundations

**Intent:** The intent of this section is to ensure that foundations match the traditional pattern of construction and complement the craftsmanship of contributing buildings.

**Standards:**

- (1) Foundations shall have a minimum finished floor height 30 inches above grade.
- (2) Foundations shall be constructed of brick, stone or stucco over concrete block piers.
- (3) Poured slab foundations may be permitted where the slab has been built up to at least 30 inches.
- (4) The space between piers may be filled with wood lattice, brick, or stucco over concrete block. Infill material shall be recessed at least three inches behind the front edge of the pier so that the piers are clearly visible and differentiated.

D. Exterior Walls

**Intent:** The intent of these standards is to ensure that exterior materials and details reflect and complement the traditional materials and details of the district's historic architecture.

**Standards:**

- (1) Permitted materials: brick, wood, stucco over concrete block, decorative concrete block, and smooth fiber cement wood simulated horizontal lap siding. Other materials may be approved by the Historic Preservation Commission provided the product is visually compatible and has performed satisfactorily in the local climate.
- (2) Vinyl siding may be permitted, provided it is a minimum of 0.044" thick and has a smooth finish.
- (3) Aluminum and steel siding may be permitted, provided it is a minimum of 0.029" thick and has a smooth finish.
- (4) The use of EIFS (Exterior Insulated Finishing Systems) and rolled asphalt shall not be permitted.

E. Windows and Doors

**Intent:** The intent of these standards is to ensure that the use of openings provides a sense of rhythm and continuity in architecture.

**Standards:**

- (1) Windows shall be single-hung, double-hung, or triple-hung except accent windows which may be fixed or hopper.
- (2) Windows shall be taller than they are wide, except for accent windows.
- (3) The distance between openings shall be not more than three times the width of the openings.
- (4) Window sashes shall be inset from the facade.
- (5) Window framing members shall be covered with appropriate trim, including a header, surrounds, and pronounced sill.

- (6) Between-the-glass, snap-in or interior applied muntins shall not be permitted.

F. Porches, Stoops, Balconies, and Decks (Residential Construction Only)

**Intent:** The intent of these standards is to ensure that porches, stoops, balconies, and decks enhance the sense of rhythm in architecture, provide visual interest, and promote the sense of community.

**Standards:**

- (1) Front porches or covered or uncovered stoops shall be required on all entrances for new ground floor residential construction.
- (2) On porches and stoops, piers and base walls shall be the same height and material as the foundation wall facing the street.
- (3) Front porches shall have a minimum depth of six (6) feet on residential construction.
- (4) Porches may be enclosed with fine wire mesh, glass, or shutters, provided the porch continues to read as a porch.

G. Roof

**Intent:** The intent of these standards is to ensure that roof forms provide visual interest and coherence in a manner that is consistent with contributing buildings. Roof shape shall be compatible with the roof shape, orientation and pitch of contributing buildings.

**Standards:**

- (1) Roofs shall be constructed of standing seam metal, v-crimp, slate or equivalent synthetic, or architectural asphalt or similar shingles.
- (2) Garden roofs or green roofs, as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council, shall be permitted provided they are visually compatible and meet building code requirements.
- (3) Eaves shall extend no less than twelve (12) inches beyond the supporting walls.

H. Docks and Dock Structures (in addition to the requirements of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, the Army Corps of Engineers, and other regulatory bodies)

**Intent:** The intent of these standards is to ensure that docks and dock structures do not block or disrupt historic view sheds and are visually compatible with existing docks and dock structures.

**Standards:**

- (1) Docks and railings (except pilings) shall be constructed of wood or other cementitious or engineered wood product.
- (2) Dock connector ramps may be constructed of non-corrosive metal.
- (3) Dock structures (except pilings) shall be constructed of wood or other cementitious or engineered wood products. The roof shall be constructed of standing seam metal, v-crimp, or architectural shingles.
- (4) The maximum height of a fixed dock structure shall be twelve (12) feet above the lowest level of decking.

SECTION VIII

Relocation of Resources

**Intent:** Relocating contributing resources is considered detrimental to the historic fabric of the district because significance is embodied in location, context and setting as well as the resource itself. Moving a contributing resource may destroy the relationship between the resource and its surroundings, associations with historic events and persons, potential archaeological resources, and historic features such as landscaping, foundations, and chimneys. It may also create a false sense of historic development. However there are exceptional circumstances which may require a move. The following standards shall be applied to assess the appropriateness of relocating a contributing resource:

**Standards:**

- A. The new location shall be in as close proximity as possible to the original location and shall approximate the historic character and development of the original site. Resources shall not be moved out of the district.
- B. The resource shall be in sufficient condition to move without causing significant damage to the resource.
- C. The relocation of non-contributing resources shall be evaluated by the New Construction standards.

## SECTION IX

Demolition

**Intent:** Demolishing contributing resources permanently destroys the historic fabric of Chatham County and the district and is detrimental to the public interest. However there are circumstances in which demolition is the only viable option.

**Standards:**

- A. Demolition Conditions: The following circumstances are the only situations in which a Certificate of Appropriateness for the demolition of a contributing resource shall be issued:
  - (1) The demolition is required to alleviate a threat to public health or public safety; and/or
  - (2) The demolition is required to avoid exceptional practical difficulty or undue hardship upon any owner of the property. The determination of economic hardship shall require the applicant to provide evidence sufficient to demonstrate that the application of the standards of this section deprives the applicant of reasonable economic return on the subject property.
- B. Demolition Due to Imminent Threat: Any order for demolition by the Director of the Department of Building Safety and Regulatory Services in whole or in part, of any contributing resource within the district due to a dangerous, hazardous or unsafe condition shall not be issued until the order has been reviewed and signed by the County Manager.

## SECTION X

Signs

**Intent:** The intent of these standards is to ensure that signage is of appropriate size and materials and does not detract from the aesthetic appearance of the historic district.

**Standards:**

- A. A Certificate of Appropriateness is not required for signs which do not require a sign permit, as outlined in Section 7-7.1 of the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance.
- B. Permitted Signs:
  - (1) Principal Use Sign: One principal use sign shall be permitted. Principal use signs shall be :
    - a. Facia Sign
    - b. Projecting Sign
    - c. Freestanding Sign
      - I. Limited to monument signs.
      - ii. Directory signage may be used in place of freestanding principal use signage and must be a monument sign.
      - iii. The base of each sign shall be landscaped.
  - (2) Announcement Signs: Announcement signs shall be permitted as follows:
    - a. Announcement signs shall be permitted for each entrance or exit; provided such signs shall be restricted to emergency information, business hours, credit cards honored, or incidental

information related to the business. Individual letters may be attached directly to the face of the building, window, or door.

- b. The aggregate area of announcement signs per entrance or exit shall not exceed two (2) square feet of display area.
  - c. One additional announcement sign up to eighteen (18) square feet in area shall be permitted in combination with a freestanding principal sign only.
- C. Size: Such sign shall not exceed a size of more than one square foot of sign area per linear foot of frontage along a given street or shall meet the following size requirements, whichever is the most restrictive:
- (1) Maximum sign area for fascia signs is twenty (20) square feet.
  - (2) Maximum sign area for projecting or freestanding sign is twenty-four (24) square feet.
  - (3) Maximum projection of outer sign edge for projecting sign is five (5) feet.
  - (4) Freestanding signs shall not exceed six (6) feet high, including the supporting base.
- D. Placement:
- (1) Encroachment: Signs shall not encroach on the public right-of-way.
  - (2) Fascia and projecting signs shall be erected only on the signable area of the building and shall not project over the roofline or parapet wall elevation of the building.
  - (3) Announcement signs shall be attached flat against the building
  - (4) Signs shall not be attached to a building in any manner so as to disfigure or conceal any window opening, door or significant architectural feature or detail.
- E. Materials/Design:
- (1) Sign materials shall be compatible with the building materials.
  - (2) Illuminated signs shall be lit from exterior ground or overhead lighting.
  - (3) Internally illuminated signs or channel letters shall not be permitted.
- F. Exemptions: All signs with an area of less than three (3) square feet, with the exception of any internally illuminated sign, and historical markers erected through the Georgia Historical Society marker program are exempt from review.

## SECTION XI

### Site

#### A. Parking and Paving

**Intent:** The intent of these standards is to create and protect contiguous, active pedestrian street front. Impervious paved areas shall be kept to a minimum.

**Standards:**

- (1) Materials: Driveways shall be constructed of dirt, gravel, crushed shell, or similar pervious paving. Asphalt tabs shall not be permitted
- (2) Configuration:
  - a. Parking areas shall be located to the side and rear of buildings.
  - b. Residential driveways shall be no wider than twelve (12) feet.
  - c. Non-residential driveways shall be no wider than twenty (20) feet.
  - d. Walkways less than four (4) feet in width shall be exempt from review.

B. Fencing and Walls

**Intent:** The intent of these standards is to ensure that fences and walls define outdoor spaces, separate the private and public realms and add architectural interest to a building's facade.

**Standards:**

(1) Materials:

- a. Walls and fences shall be constructed of wood, cementitious or engineered wood, iron, brick, or extruded aluminum.
- b. Chain-link fences shall only be permitted in the side and rear yard of the building.
- c. Vinyl and PVC fencing shall not be permitted.

(2) Configuration:

- a. A fence or wall no more than three (3) feet in height may be installed along the street property line and any side lot line forward of the front building facade.
- b. A fence or wall no more than six (6) feet in height may be installed along the remaining side and rear lot lines.

C. Pools: Pools shall be located to the side or rear of the principle building and shall be screened from view by the public right-of-way.

SECTION XII

Prevention of Demolition by Neglect

**Intent:** The intent of these standards is to prevent a lack of maintenance that leads to demolition by neglect and shall be considered a negative visual alteration. All buildings and structures shall be preserved against decay and deterioration in order to maintain property values, prevent hazards to public safety, and maintain the aesthetic appearance of the district.

**Standards:**

A. Owners shall maintain or cause to be maintained the exterior and structural features of their properties in accordance with the Property Maintenance and Nuisance Abatement ordinances and shall not to allow conditions of neglect to occur on such properties. The following conditions shall be considered neglect:

- (1) Deterioration of exterior walls, foundation, flooring, floor supports, roof, or other horizontal or vertical support that causes leaning, sagging, splitting, listing, or buckling;
- (2) Deterioration of external chimneys that causes leaning, sagging, splitting, listing, or buckling;
- (3) Deterioration or crumbling of exterior plaster, mortar, or stucco;
- (4) Ineffective waterproofing of exterior walls, roofs, and foundations, including broken windows and doors;
- (5) Rotting, holes, and other forms of decay;
- (6) Deterioration of exterior stairs, porches, handrails, window and door frames, cornices, entablatures, wall facings, and architectural details that causes delamination, instability, loss of shape and form, or crumbling;
- (7) Any deterioration that contributes to a hazardous or unsafe condition.

B. Review Process

- (1) Initial Determination of Neglect: The Executive Director or designee shall investigate reports of neglect and make an initial determination of neglect based on criteria listed above.
- (2) Notice of Investigation: The Executive Director or designee shall notify the owner(s) in writing of the determination of neglect and provide a deadline for rectification.

- (3) Enforcement: Should the property owner(s) fail to respond within the given time frame, the neglect shall be considered work performed without a Certificate of Appropriateness and the Director of Building Safety and Regulatory Services or designee shall be notified and appropriate action taken.
- (4) Should the property owner(s) claim undue economic hardship, an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for demolition as set forth in Section 9 shall be submitted.
- (5) Appeal: A determination of demolition by neglect may be appealed to the Chatham County Historic Preservation Commission only by the property owner(s) within ten (10) days of the determination of neglect.
- C. Ordinary maintenance and repair to correct deterioration, decay or damage shall not require a Certificate of Appropriateness if the work does not involve an addition.

## SECTION XIII

Undue Hardship

When, by reason of unusual circumstances, the strict application of any provision listed above would result in exceptional practical difficulty or undue economic hardship upon any owner(s) of a specific resource, the Commission shall have the power, at its sole discretion, to vary or modify strict adherence to said provisions, or to interpret the meaning of said provisions, so as to relieve such difficulty or hardship; provided such modifications or interpretations shall remain in harmony with the general purpose and intent of said provisions, so that the architectural or historical integrity or character of the resource and district shall be conserved and substantial justice done; and the proposed change complies with all other standards, regulations, and/or requirements of applicable ordinances and codes. In allowing modifications, the Commission may impose such reasonable and additional stipulations and conditions as will, in its judgment, best fulfill the purpose of the design standards. An undue hardship shall not be a situation of the person's own making.

## SECTION XIV

List of Properties and Owners

As required by the Chatham County Preservation Ordinance the following chart lists all properties and property owners within the Pin Point Historic District as per the Chatham County Board of Assessors database.

Map No.	NAME	PROPERTY ADDRESS	PIN	MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
1	SWEET FIELD OF EDEN BAPTIST CHURCH,	LEHIGH AVE	009630,	1-0469 -01-009,	9630 LEHIGH AV,		
		SAVANNAH GA	31419				
2	HUTCHINS KIRK DAVID,	LEHIGH AV	009634,	1-0469 -01-010,	10018 PIN POINT AVE,	SAVANNAH GA	31406-8526
3	ROBERT A KAUFMANN & BUECHNER HARRY & KATHY,	PIN POINT AV	0100161-	0469 -01-02314327			
	CHADBOURNE DR	HOUSTON TX	77079				
4	SMITH GLENDA S & MARK A	PIN POINT AV	010010	1-0469-01-007C	10010 PIN POINT RD	SAVANNAH GA	31406
5	STEPHENS JOHN J	PIN POINT AV	010012	1-0469-01-007A	10012 PIN POINT AVE	SAVANNAH GA	31406-8537
6	SHOCKLEY DAVID W & HAZEL	PIN POINT AV	010008	1-0469 -01-007B	4 SANDSFIELD WAY	SAVANNAH GA	31411
7	RAMAGE DIANE SANDERS	PIN POINT AV	010007	1-0469-01-007	6315 WHITE TAIL DR	EAU CLAIRE WI	54701
8	SHERRILL JACKSON H III & MOIRA	PIN POINT AV	010002	1-0469-01-005	10002 PIN POINT AVE	SAVANNAH GA	31406 8526
9	MOBLEY JEANETTE	PIN POINT AV	000000	1-0469-01-004	10000 PIN POINT AVE	SAVANNAH GA	31406
10	MOBLEY JEANETTE	PIN POINT AV	009994	1-0469-01-003	10000 PIN POINT AVE	SAVANNAH GA	31406
11	MOBLEY JANICE & JEANETTE	PIN POINT AV	000000	1-0469-01-004A	RR 3 BOX 176	SAVANNAH GA	31406-8537
12	MOBLEY JEANETTE	PIN POINT AV	010000	1-0469-01-003A	10000 PIN POINT AVE	SAVANNAH GA	31406
13	SWEET FIELD OF EDEN BAPTIST CHURCH	PIN POINT AV	009992	1-0469-01-002A	9630 LEHIGH AVE	SAVANNAH GA	31406-8524
14	BOND EST BEN SR (HELEN JOHNSON HEIR)	PIN POINT AV	009988A	1-0469-01-001	9988A PIN POINT AVE	SAVANNAH GA	31406-8537
15	MCCLIAN ALVIN	PIN POINT AV	009986A	1-0446-01-029	9986 PINPOINT AVE	SAVANNAH GA	31408
16	HARRIS CHARLIE	PIN POINT AV	009986	1-0446-01-030	9986 PIN POINT AVE	SAVANNAH GA	31406
17	Charlie Harris	PIN POINT AV	009986	1-0446-01-MAR	9986 PIN POINT AVE	SAVANNAH GA	31406
18	ALBRIGHT WILHELMINA	PIN POINT AV	009982	1-0446-01-023A	PO BOX 15044	SAVANNAH GA	31416

19 ANDERSON PATIENCE FULLER PIN POINT AV 009984 1-0446-01-023 RR 3 BOX 181 SAVANNAH GA 31406-8537

20 ANDERSON WILLIAM G PIN POINT AV 009984A 1-0446-01-023B PO BOX 1791 HARDWICK GA 31034

21 NELSON WILLIE JAMES & SARAH M PIN POINT AV 009980 1-0446 -01-022 608 E 39TH ST SAVANNAH GA 31401-9242

22 HAYNES WILLIAM B & SULA GAMBLE PIN POINT AV 009978 1-0446 -01-020 PO BOX 14345 SAVANNAH GA 31416-1345

23 HAYNES WILLIAM B & SULA GAMBLE PIN POINT AV 009976 1-0446-01-019 PO BOX 14345 SAVANNAH GA 31416-1345

24 HAYNES WILLIAM B & SULA GAMBLE PIN POINT AV 009974 1-0446-01-018 PO BOX 14345 SAVANNAH GA 31416-1345

25 BOND LUCY ET AL C/O JOHN H HAYNES PIN POINT AV 009972 1-0446-01-017A 9936 PIN POINT AVE SAVANNAH GA 31406

26 BOND LUCY ET AL PIN POINT AV 009970 1-0446-01-017 7320 SKIDAWAY RD SAVANNAH GA 31406-4252

27 NEW ARTHUR E & ELIZABETH A PIN POINT AV 0099669968 1-0446-01-016 9966 PIN POINT AVE SAVANNAH GA 31406

28 BOND MAGGIE ET AL C/O LEROY BOND PIN POINT AV 009962 1-0446-01-015 1113 W SUMMERSIDE RD PHOENIX AZ 85041-8900

29 BROTHERHOOD OF FRIENDSHIP CLUB PIN POINT AV 009956 1-0446-01-014 RR 3 BOX 187 SAVANNAH GA 31406-8537

30 SCOTT FRED H PIN POINT AV 009958 1-0446-01-013 4633 LANIER DR SAVANNAH GA 31405-3131

31 MOORE MOLLIE SAMS ET AL PIN POINT AV 009952 1-0446-01-027 1220 W 42ND ST \* SAVANNAH GA 31415

32 MOORE MOLLIE SAMS ET AL PIN POINT AV 009954 1-0446-01-028 1220 W 42ND ST \* SAVANNAH GA 31415

33 NO INFORMATION PIN POINT AV 009954 1-0446-01-MAR 1220 W 42ND ST \* SAVANNAH GA 31415

34 FAMBLE ODESSA A PIN POINT AV 009946 1-0446-01-010 9940 BOND AVE SAVANNAH GA 31406

35 MARTIN PAUL C/O ANNIE KATE MCKINSON PIN POINT AV 009948 1-0446-01-011 POST OFFICE BOX 801 COCOA FL 32922

36 OSBORNE WILHELMENIA PIN POINT AV 009942 1-0446-01-009A 9942 PIN POINT AVE SAVANNAH GA 31406-8537

37 MARTIN EMMA MAE PIN POINT AV 009944 1-0446-01-009 9944 PIN POINT AVE SAVANNAH GA 31406-8537

38 HARRIS DOROTHY L PIN POINT AV 009940 1-0446-01-008 2336 OGEECHEE RD SAVANNAH GA 31415-7849

39 HAYNES JOHN HENRY & DELORES R PIN POINT AV 009936 1-0446-01-007 RR 3 BOX 185A SAVANNAH GA 31406-8537

40 HAYNES JOHN HENRY JR PIN POINT AV 009932 1-0446-01-025 9936 PIN POINT AV SAVANNAH GA 31406

41 LUTEN JACK M JR & BRENDA E PIN POINT AV 009934 1-0446 -01-026 185 PIN POINT RD # B SAVANNAH GA 31406-8526

42 DEVOE MAGGIE PIN POINT AV 009928 1-0446-01-006 RR 3 BOX 187 SAVANNAH GA 31406 8537

43 MCKIVER SHEILA PIN POINT AV 009930 1-0446-01-006B 1516 E 53RD ST SAVANNAH GA 31404- 4610

44 VARN ALGERNON S III & SHARON G PIN POINT AV 009924 1-0446 -01-005 186 PIN POINT RD # C SAVANNAH GA 31406-8526

45 WIGGINS ALMA PIN POINT AV 009922 1-0446-01-003 1112 W 42ND ST SAVANNAH GA 31415-8740

46 FARMER MORRIS PIN POINT AV 009918 1-0446-01-002 9918 PIN POINT AVE SAVANNAH GA 31406-8537

47 WIGGINS ROBERT PIN POINT AV 009916 1-0446 -01-001H 2601 SADLER ST SAVANNAH GA 31415-8761

48 CRUSE ORIN EVELYN & BRADY PIN POINT AV 009914 1-0446-01-001G 9914 PIN POINT AVE SAVANNAH GA 31406-8537

49 WIGGINS ERNESTINE & BEVERLY PIN POINT AV 009910 1-0446 -01-001E 9910 PIN POINT AVE SAVANNAH GA 31406

50 JONES & FULLER ALMA CLARENCE JR ET AL PIN POINT AV 009912 1-0446 -01-001F 236 DEERWOOD DR HINESVILLE GA 31313

51 BRYAN LORAIN ET AL PIN POINT AV 009902 1-0446 -01-001A 1322 E PARK AVE SAVANNAH GA 31404 2116

52 JEFFRIES THEODORA B WIGGINS PIN POINT AV 009904 1-0446 -01-001B 9904 PIN POINT AVE SAVANNAH GA 31406 8526

53 FRAMBLE GEORGE SR ET AL PIN POINT AV 009906 1-0446 -01-001C 9906 PIN POINT AVE SAVANNAH GA 31406 8537

54 WIGGINS ALMA PIN POINT AV 009908 1-0446 -01-001D 1112 W 42ND ST SAVANNAH GA 31415 8740

55 SAMS ADOLPHUS M PIN POINT AV 000000 1-0469 -02-013 3045 WESLOCK CIR DECATUR GA 30034 2928

56 SAMS ADOLPHUS MORRIS PIN POINT AV 000000 1-0469 -02-014 3045 WEST LOCK CIRCLE DECATUR GA 30034

57 BOND EST BEN SR (HELEN JOHNSON HEIR) PIN POINT AV 009981 1-0469 -02-006 9988A PIN POINT AVE SAVANNAH GA 31406 8537

58 CRUSE IDA J PIN POINT AV 009975 1-0469 -02-011 5545 PLATTE DR ELLENWOOD GA 30294  
 59 MYERS MAGGIE PIN POINT AV 009971 1-0469 -02-007 RT #3 BOX 188 PINPOINT RD SAVANNAH GA  
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 60 TAYLOR JOHN H PIN POINT AV 009969 1-0469 -02-008 9969 PIN POINT AVENUE SAVANNAH GA  
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 61 ANDERSON CARLTON PIN POINT AV 009965 1-0469 -02-003C 9965 PIN POINT AVE SAVANNAH GA  
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 62 TOWNSEND MARY B BOND AV 009972 1-0469 -02-003 PO BOX 16904\* SAVANNAH GA 31416 3561  
 63 ANDERSON ISAAC JR PIN POINT AV 009961 1-0469 -02-003B 9913 PIN POINT AVE SAVANNAH GA  
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 64 ANDERSON CARLTON E BOND AV 009968 1-0469 -02-003A 9968 BOND AVE SAVANNAH GA 31406  
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 65 HARRIS TYRONE PIN POINT AV 009957 1-0469 -02-010 1428 E 40TH ST SAVANNAH GA 31406  
 66 HARRIS CHARLES E BOND AV 009964 1-0469 -02-010A RT 3 BOX 193A SAVANNAH GA 31406  
 67 ANDERSON JOHN C/O ANNIE DENEGAL PIN POINT AV 009953 1-0469 -02-001 103 GILLIAM AVE  
 SAVANNAH GA 31406 4111  
 68 MARTIN CYRUS PIN POINT AV 000000 1-0445 -01-017 1221 E DUFFY ST SAVANNAH GA 31404 2129  
 69 MARTIN VIOLA ET AL PIN POINT AV 009949 1-0445 -01-001A RR 3 BOX 192 SAVANNAH GA 31406  
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 70 MARTIN ISAAC JR & BYRDELL B BOND AV 009954 1-0445 -01-001 9954 BOND AVE SAVANNAH GA  
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 71 ZIPPERER CLEVELAND G PIN POINT AV 009945 1-0445 -01-002 2410 EASY ST SAVANNAH GA 31406  
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 73 FAMBLE ABRAHAM BOND AV 009944 1-0445 -01-003A 9940 BOND AVE SAVANNAH GA 31406 8537  
 74 FAMBLE ODESSA BOND AV 009940 1-0445 -01-003B 9940 BOND AVE SAVANNAH GA 31406  
 75 GREEN NORA EST (C/O MARY J POLITE HEIR) PIN POINT AV 009937 1-0445 -01-018 RR 3 BOX 189  
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 76 GREEN NORA EST (C/O MARY J POLITE HEIR) BOND AV 009936 1-0445 -01-019 RR 3 BOX 189  
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 77 VARN ALGERNON S III ET AL PIN POINT AV 009933 1-0445 -01-005 186 PIN POINT RD SAVANNAH  
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 78 MCKIVER LUTHER & MAGGIE & BOWERS DAVID PIN POINT AV 009929 1-0445 -01-021 1223 SEILER  
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 79 MCKIVER LUTHER & MAGGIE & BOWERS DAVID PIN POINT AV 009924 1-0445 -01-022 1223 SEILER  
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 80 HENDLEY CAROLYN BOND AV 009928 1-0445 -01-023 9928 BOND AVE SAVANNAH GA 31416  
 81 DILLARD BENJAMIN C/O MAGGIE MYERS PIN POINT AV 009925 1-0445 -01-007 RT3 BOX 9952A  
 SAVANNAH GA 31406  
 82 GEOHAGHAN HARRIET PIN POINT AV 009921 1-0445 -01-008 159 LAKEWOOD DR ORANGEBURG SC  
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 83 GEOHAGAN HARRY MAE BOND AV 000000 1-0445 -01-015 159 LAKEWOOD DR ORANGEBURG SC  
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 84 WINGSTER MINNIE PIN POINT AV 009917 1-0445 -01-009 RR 3 BOX 184G SAVANNAH GA 31406-8537  
 85 ANDERSON ADELL & CARLTON E ET AL PIN POINT AV 009913 1-0445-01-010 330 BUNTING DR  
 SAVANNAH GA 31404-1404  
 86 ANDERSON ADELL ET AL PIN POINT AV 009909 1-0445-01-011 330 BUNTING DR SAVANNAH GA 31404-  
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 87 BROTHERHOOD OF FRIENDSHIP CLUB BOND AV 000000 1-0445-01-014 RR 3 BOX 187 SAVANNAH  
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 88 OSBORNE WILHELMINA WIGGINS PIN POINT AV 009905 1-0445-01-020 9942 PIN POINT AVE  
 SAVANNAH GA 31406-8537  
 89 HENDRIX JOHN M & LEIGH H PIN POINT RD 10025 1-0470-02-006 102 SAMUEL LYON WAY SAVANNAH  
 GA 31411-3121

## SECTION XV

Definitions

- A. Accent window: A window, typically smaller in size than other windows on the same building, used to accent an interior or exterior architectural feature.
- B. Addition: New construction that increases the habitable space of an existing building and is capable or being heated or cooled; or any alteration which changes the exterior height of any portion of an existing building.

- C. Building: A construction created principally to shelter any form of human activity (for example, a house, barn, or garage).
- D. Building footprint: The area of the building on the lot including all covered elements of the building (such as a covered porch).
- E. Certificate of Appropriateness: A document evidencing approval by the Chatham County Historic Preservation Commission of an application to make a material change in the appearance of a property located within the local historic district.
- F. Contributing Resource: A building or structure which adds to the historic, architectural, or archaeological value for which the district is significant. Contributing resources shall be identified on the "Pin Point Historic District Contributing Resources Map."
- G. Executive Director: The Executive Director of the Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission.
- H. Historic Character: The historic features, materials, construction techniques, architectural details, forms, and placement either original to the resource or changes that have acquired historic significance.
- I. Historic Sites: Sites with historic significance though without a contributing building or structure. Historic sites shall be identified on the "Pin Point Historic District Contributing Resources Map."
- J. Non-Contributing Resource: A building or structure which does not add to the historic, architectural, or archaeological value for which the district is significant.
- K. Sign: Refer to the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance Section 2-63 for definition.
- L. Structure: As distinguished from buildings, a construction made for purposes other than human shelter (for example, a well, bridge, silo, dock).

## SECTION XVI

Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners does hereby ordain, resolves, and enacts the foregoing Pin Point Historic District Designation.

PREPARED BY: Ellen I. Harris  
Preservation Professional

February 13, 2009

DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2009  
TO: CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FROM: CHATHAM COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
SUBJECT: CCHPC RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT DESIGNATION ORDINANCE

## PETITION REFERENCED:

Pin Point Historic District  
Pin Point Betterment Association, Herman Haynes, President  
MPC File No. DP20071002-03-1

CCHPC ACTION: Approval of adoption of an ordinance to designate Pin Point as a Historic District on the Chatham County Register of Historic Places.

CCHPC STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of adoption of an ordinance to designate Pin Point as a Historic District on the Chatham County Register of Historic Places.

MEMBERS PRESENT: 5 + Chairman

George Cohen, Chairman  
Vaughnette Goode-Walker  
William Haynes

Stephen Lindell  
Pamela Lossing  
Christian Sottile

VOTING FOR  
MOTION  
George Cohen, Chairman  
Vaughnette Goode-Walker  
William Haynes  
Stephen Lindell  
Pamela Lossing  
Christian Sottile

VOTING AGAINST  
MOTION

\*ABSENT OR  
\*\*FAILING TO VOTE  
\*Jane Feiler  
\*E.G. Daves Rossell  
\*Lisa White

FOR APPROVAL: 6

FOR DENIAL: 0

ABSTAINING: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Thomson  
Executive Director

/eh  
Enclosures

Petition of: Pin Point Betterment Association, Inc.

Recommendation: To rezone property from R-3-10/TC, R-1/EO, R-M-H/EO, W-I/EO and C-M/EO to R-3-10/TC-HO, R-1/EO-HO, R-M-H/EO-HO, W-I/EO-HO and C-M/EO-HO  
P.I.N.: 1-0445 -01-001, 001A thru 003B, 005, 007 thru 011, 014, 015, 017 thru 023  
1-0446 -01-001A thru 001H, 002, 003, 005 thru 011, 013 thru 020, 022, 023, 023A, 023B, 025 thru 030 MAR  
1-0469 -01-001, 002A, 003, 003A, 004, 004A, 005, 007 thru 007C, 009, 010, 023  
1-0469 -02-001, 003 thru 003C, 006, 007, 008, 010, 010A, 011, 013, 014  
1-0470 -02-006

Beginning on a point located at the intersection of the centerlines of Bond Avenue and Diamond Causeway, thence proceeding in southerly direction along the centerline of Diamond Causeway a distance of approximately 1487 feet to a point, thence westerly along a line South 22 degrees 09 minutes West a distance of approximately 123 feet to a point on the high water line, thence westerly along the high water line a distance of approximately 666 feet to a point, thence in a southerly direction along a line South 06 degrees 27 minutes East a distance of approximately 1495 feet to a point on the centerline of Moon river, thence westerly along the centerline of Moon River a distance of approximately 1076 feet to a point, thence in a northerly direction along a line North 24 degrees 58 minutes West a distance of approximately 919 feet to a point, thence westerly along a line South 58 degrees 02 minutes West a distance of approximately 359 feet to a point, thence northwesterly along a line North 54 degrees 21 minutes West a distance of approximately 1846 feet to a point, thence North 18 degrees 26 minutes West for a distance of approximately 140 feet to a point, thence along a line North 54 degrees 27 minutes West to its intersection with the centerline of Lehigh Avenue, thence northerly along the centerline of Lehigh Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Pin Point Road, thence in a southerly direction along the centerline of Pin Point Road a distance of approximately 434 feet to a point, thence northeasterly along a line North 68 degrees 51 minutes East for a distance of approximately 209 feet to a point, thence in a southerly direction along a line parallel to the centerline of Pin Point Road to its intersection with the centerline of Bond Avenue, thence easterly along the centerline of Bond Avenue back to the point of beginning.

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**5. AMEND THE CODE OF CHATHAM COUNTY TO UPDATE THE STATE REFERENCE ON "UNIFORM RULES OF THE ROAD."**

Commissioner Shay said, so moved, Mr. Chairman. Commissioner Holmes said, second.

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Shay made a motion to amend the Code of Chatham County to update the state reference on "Uniform Rules of the Road." Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell and Kicklighter were not present.]

~~AGENDA ITEM: XI-5~~

~~AGENDA DATE: February 13, 2009~~

AGENDA ITEM: XI-5

AGENDA DATE: February 27, 2009

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**THRU:** R.E. Abolt, County Manager

**FROM:** Patrick Monahan, Asst. County Manager

**ISSUE:**

To amend the *Code of Chatham County* to update the state reference on "Uniform Rules of the Road."

**BACKGROUND:**

Chapter 12, Article V, Section 12-501 of the *Code of Chatham County* relates to "Uniform Rules of the Road." This provision adopts the state-promulgated "Uniform Rules of the Road" by reference and authorizes the police department (Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department) to enforce traffic violations. The Code currently cites this relevant section of state law as Title 68. Because of amendments in state law, the applicable section of reference would be Title 40.

**FACTS & FINDINGS:**

1. The proposed amendment is attached. This would not only correct the reference in the County Code to the proper state provision but also enable the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department to cite specific traffic and parking violations not now included by reference in the county code. For example, this includes violations of parking in handicapped spaces, parking in fire lanes, parking near hydrants.
2. The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department requested the change to clarify questions about citing applicable code sections for traffic and parking violations.
3. Georgia law remains specific about the wording to adopt by reference the applicable section of the state code.
4. The County Attorney's Office has reviewed the proposed ordinance and concurred in its form and format.

**FUNDING:**

Not applicable.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. That the Board enter the proposed code change into the record (minutes) for the first reading and then adopt the proposed amendment to the *Code of Chatham County* on the second reading of the ordinance.
2. That the Board take no action.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

O.C.G.A. § 40-6-372 authorizes that local authorities by ordinance may adopt by reference any or all of the provisions of O.C.G.A § 40-1-1 et. al.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

**AN ORDINANCE**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE GEORGIA UNIFORM RULES OF THE ROAD, CODE SECTIONS 40-6-1 TO 40-6-376, TO REGULATE TRAFFIC UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS OF UNINCORPORATED CHATHAM COUNTY**

**AND REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR SECTIONS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.**

Chapter 12, Article V, is amended as follows:

**\$12-501      Rules of the Road Adopted by Reference.**

1. Adoption by reference. Pursuant to Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Code Sections 40-6-372 to 40-6-376, Code Sections 40-6-1 to Code Sections 40-6-376, except that the words "police chief and authorized members of the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department" shall be substituted for the words "the director and members of the department of public safety," of that chapter known as the Uniform Rules of the Road and the definitions contained in Code Section 40-1-1 are hereby adopted as and for the traffic regulations of unincorporated Chatham County with like effect as if recited herein.
2. Penalties. Unless another penalty is expressly provided by law, every person convicted of a violation of any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or by imprisonment of not more than twelve (12) months or by both such fine and imprisonment.
3. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect from and after the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2009.
4. Repeal. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.
5. No person shall stand on a roadway for the purpose of soliciting employment, business, or contributions from the occupant of any vehicle or for other purposes except for authorized law enforcement personnel. (Amended 8 September 1996).

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**XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

A staff report was attached as information.

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

A staff report was attached as information.

**AGENDA ITEM: XIII-2**  
**AGENDA DATE: February 27, 2009**

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>
340 gals. Of white field marking paint	Parks and Recreation	Richmond Supply Company	\$8,075	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Two (2) truck winches for Units #282 and #281	Public Works	Powertrain, Inc.	\$2,730	SSD - Public Works
Installed new clutch, rear oil seal, carrier, hoses and resurfaced flywheel on Unit #91	Fleet Operations	Atlantic Coastal Equipment	\$3,529	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Provide architectural services for pump house on Wimberly Drive and Paxton Subdivision	Water and Sewer	Barnard and King Architects (Sole Source)	\$3,950	Water and Sewer
Landfill debris and hauling cost for clean up on Truman Frontage Road as it intersects with Whitefield Avenue	Engineering	T Clearing	\$2,500	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Truman Parkway Phase V
Helicopter tail rotor pitch bearing repair	Mosquito Control	Heli-Mart Inc.	\$3,088	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Three (3) parts cabinets	Mosquito Control	Stanley Fastening Systems	\$4,669	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Spacesaver high density filing system	Juvenile Court	Walter Hopkins Company	\$8,528	General Fund/M&O - Juvenile Court
One (2) Dell laptop computer for Finance	I.C.S	Dell Marketing, L.P. (State Contract)	\$2,577	General Fund/M&O - Finance
Driveway replacement for 7205 Golden Isles Way	Engineering	Griffin Contracting, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$5,698	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Golden Isles Drainage

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### 3. ROADS AND DRAINAGE REPORTS.

Staff reports were attached as information.

**AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 Roads**

**AGENDA DATE: February 27, 2009**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**THRU:** R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

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

**BACKGROUND:** By letter dated September 16, 2008, from the GDOT, the GDOT indicated that it would not work on any County sponsored projects except for the Truman Parkway, Phase 5. By letter dated October 14, 2008 the GDOT lifted the suspension on the Whitefield Avenue Widening Project. Project prioritization as promised by the GDOT Commissioner for January 2009 has not been presented at this time.

**FACTS AND FINDING:**

1. Truman Parkway, Phase 5. Right of way certification was submitted to the GDOT on December 3, 2008. The Final Field Plan Review is scheduled for March 11. Funding for construction is programmed for FY2010 in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). On December 6, 2008 the GDOT Commissioner indicated to the press that funding for the project will not be available until FY2014. The GDOT is anticipating funding for construction from the "stimulus package" (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009).

2. Diamond Causeway. The GDOT is pursuing a design/build contract in FY 2009 to construct a two lane high level bridge over Skidaway Narrows to replace the bascule bridge. On July 25, 2008 the Board approved a contract to construct a traffic signal with turn lanes at State Park Road and to widen the roadway to Lake Street. Scheduled completion date is March 25, 2009.

3. Whitefield Avenue. Right of way acquisition is underway affecting 71 properties. Expect to certify ROW in December 2009. Funding for construction in the STIP is FY2011.

4. Local Roads

a. Intersection improvements at Little Neck Road and US 17. Substantially complete.

b. Troy Street, Catherine Street, Adeline Street, Billings Road, Elmhurst Road, Beechwood Road, Ridgewood Road. Dirt roads being designed for paving. Billings Road easement acquisitions underway.

c. Bond Avenue, Betran Avenue. Bids for construction contract to pave Betran were opened February 11. Expect to solicit bids for contract to pave Bond Avenue in March.

d. Brandy Road. Construction plans are complete. ROW acquisition is underway. Bid opening moved to March 10, 2009 due to easement acquisition problems with property owners.

e. Pyeland Avenue. Right of way and construction plans are complete. Easement acquisition is underway. Expect to solicit bids for a construction contract by the end of March.

f. Wright Avenue and Fenwick Avenue. Dirt roads being designed for paving.

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

h. Intersection improvements on King George Blvd at Grove Point Road. Being designed to install turn lanes and to signalize the intersection. Construction plans are complete. ROW acquisitions are underway.

**RECOMMENDATION:** For information.

Districts: All

**AGENDA ITEM: XIII-Drainage**  
**AGENDA DATE: February 27, 2009**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**THRU:** R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

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

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

**FACTS AND FINDING:**

1. Pipemakers Canal. The Pipemakers Canal extends from Bloomingdale to the Savannah River (over 13 miles). The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization, sluice gates and culverts. Channel improvements downstream 1.4 miles from I-95 were completed in 2000. Construction of the sluice gate structure and channel improvements from SR 21 to the Savannah River (about 1.4 miles) was completed in 2005. Designs of canal improvements downstream from the Airport to SR21 are complete. The US Army Corps of Engineers permit for channel improvements downstream of I-95 is approved. Right of way acquisition continues. The wetland mitigation credits will be purchased upon approval of a new mitigation bank by the USACE. Staff is considering a project to improve operation and maintenance of the sluice gate structure.

2. Hardin Canal. The Hardin Canal extends from Bloomingdale to Salt Creek near US 17 (over 12 miles). The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization, bridges and culverts. Several years of delay resulted from objections by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. A project to replace culverts under SR 307 with bridges is designed. Right of way acquisition is underway. A project to replace golf cart bridges between I-16 and Southbridge Boulevard is pending acquisition of drainage easements.
3. Conaway Branch Canal. The Conaway Canal extends from Bloomingdale at US 80 to Pipemakers Canal (about 1.6 miles). The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization and larger culverts. Except for revisions to comply with changes in State laws on soil erosion and water quality, the design is complete. Negotiations are complete to secure the final parcel of right of way for the project. Staff is continuing work on the project which will include relocating several public utility systems.
4. Little Hurst Canal. Improvements consist of constructing a new culvert under the railroad east of SR 21. Work is underway to acquire easements and rights of way, and to acquire permits for construction. Design will commence after accomplishing these tasks.
5. Wilmington Park Canal. The Wilmington Park Canal extends from North Cromwell Road to the Wilmington River (about 1.4 miles). The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization and culverts. Construction of new culverts with tide gates at Wilmington Park Road was completed in 2002. Bids were opened on February 18, 2009 for a project to widen and stabilize the channel in the area of Wilmington Park Road. Staff will prepare a recommendation for Board Approval.
6. Kings Way Canal. The Kings Way Canal extends from the Kingswood Subdivision to Whitefield Avenue (about 0.7 mile). The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization and culverts. Phase 1 was completed in 2005 as a part of the construction of Truman Parkway. Phase 2 is under construction and is scheduled to be complete by May 2009.
7. Dundee Canal. This project improves the tidegate structure and concrete headwalls. The project is under construction and was scheduled for completion by March 2009. Unforeseen site conditions requiring additional work will require extension of the contract period. A contract change order is pending approval by the Board of Commissioners.
8. Louis Mills / Redgate Canal. The Louis Mills and Redgate Canals are tributaries to the South Springfield Canal. For construction, this project was combined with the Westlake project to replace the culverts under CSX railroad. Staff is working to repackage the project for construction of channel improvements without the culvert under the railroad.
9. Ogeechee Farms Area. The Ogeechee Farms project includes improvements to canals and culverts. Phase 1 was completed in July 2005 (piping about 0.2 mile of channel south of Vidalia Road and replacing a road crossing at Waynesboro Road). Design is underway on Phase 2 which includes improving several undersized culverts along the Vidalia Canal south of Vidalia Road.
10. Chevis Canal. The Chevis Canal project includes improvements to the drainage culvert at the Hodges Air Park located approximately 3600 feet downstream of Chevis Road. The improvements will double the existing drainage capacity. A construction contract was approved by the Board of Commissioners at the February 13, 2009 meeting.
11. Fawcett Canal. The Fawcett Canal serves the Georgetown area. The drainage system includes a network of open channels, culverts and storm drain pipes. Lagoons managed by the homeowners association are a functional part of the system. Phase 1 (completed in 2002) involved about 1.4 miles of canal widening and new tide gates at Grove Point Road. Improvements to the lagoons were completed in 2005. A project to replace storm drain pipes along Red Fox Drive to relieve flooding at White Hawthorn Drive will be substantially complete by March 2009.
12. Quacco Canal. The Quacco Canal extends from the Little Ogeechee River to the Regency Mobile Home Park (about 4 miles). The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization, larger road culverts, and providing access for maintenance. Completed work includes enlarging the US 17 culvert. Staff is negotiating with the construction contractor to establish the extent of additional construction costs. Design

to improve road culverts along Quacco Road and construct channel improvements to protect the Regency Mobile Home park is complete. Right of way acquisition is complete. Work to relocate utility systems in the way of the drainage project will commence after the rights of way are acquired. Staff is developing a project scope for extending drainage improvements to the Willow Lakes Subdivision.

13. Norwood Drainage Outfalls. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance. Four outfalls along Norwood, between Skidaway Road and Lester Avenue are being considered for improvements. A potential improvement has been identified. Preliminary design work is underway.

14. Henderson/Gateway. Drainage is provided by the Little Neck Canal and the Henderson Branch Canal (combined length about 2 miles). Development of the subdivisions led to increased rates and volumes of storm water runoff which the canals cannot handle. Design is underway to replace culverts at Little Neck Road, at Henderson Oaks Drive and at a golf path crossing.

15. Shipyard-Beaulieu Area. The project will be accomplished in phases. The first phase of work will be to replace the storm drain pipe at Beaulieu Avenue. There appears to be adequate existing easements. A preliminary design has been completed. Staff will begin efforts to complete the final design for this improvement.

16. Grange Road Canal. The project to relieve flooding extends from Pipemakers Canal to north of Grange Road (about 1.8 miles). The original concept identified the need for an outfall to the Savannah River within the unopened right of way of Grange Road. In 2007, the GPA requested that the right of way be abandoned for a container berth expansion. Staff is coordinating the County's needs for drainage improvements with GPA's needs to expand.

17. Kim Street Drainage. A small project directed toward improving drainage in the Grays Subdivision. The southern portion of the subdivision relies on roadside drainage ditches along U.S. 80. Preliminary design and coordination with Georgia Department of Transportation is complete. Staff has contacted the affected property owner to secure a temporary easement required to construct the project.

**RECOMMENDATION:** For information.

Districts: All

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

A staff report was attached as information.

**AGENDA ITEM: XIII-4**  
**AGENDA DATE: February 27, 2009**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners  
**THRU:** R. E. Abolt, County Manager  
**FROM:** Robert Drewry Director, Public Works and Park Services  
**ISSUE:** Provide Board a status update on RAP

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

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**  
1. FY 06 staff was able to accomplish the following:  
• In-house renovation of Lake Mayer's Restrooms  
• Installed new infield mix for Ambuc Park, L. Scott Stell, and Charlie Brooks Park  
• Installed new backstop and foul line fencing for Ambuc Park

- Hired nine Maintenance Workers
  - Replaced the scoreboards at Ambuc, L. Scott Stell, and Charlie Brooks Park
  - Replaced all roofs at Memorial Stadium
  - Purchased three new vehicles
  - Purchased material for the renovation of the restroom at Ambuc Park
  - Painted the exterior of the concession stand at L. Scott Stell, and Ambuc Park
  - Contracts were awarded to replace the roof on the large pavilion at Lake Mayer, and reconstruct/resurface eighteen tennis courts
2. FY 07 staff completed the following:
- All eighteen tennis courts were renovated or re-constructed.
  - Tom Triplett Park Bridge is completed
  - Frank W. Spencer Boat Ramp - Renovation is completed and the restrooms were re-opened
3. FY 08 staff completed the following:
- Westlake Neighborhood Park - Playground Equipment installation is completed.
  - Lamarville Neighborhood Park - Playground Equipment installation is completed.
  - Salt Creek Complex - Playground Equipment installation is completed.
  - Replacement of the pavilion at Grey's Subdivision is completed
  - Replacement of the pavilion at Runaway Point Park is completed
  - Replacement of the fence at Memorial Stadium is completed.
  - Repaired bridges at L. Scott Stell that connects park with playground/picnic area.
  - Replacement of light wiring for tennis courts at Lake Mayer is completed.
  - Kings Ferry Pavilions Roofs were completed the end of July.
  - Ambuc Sports Lighting - Installation of new lights is now completed.
  - Installation of the playground equipment at Hodges -Turner-Young is completed.
4. FY 09 staff completed the following:
- Renovated the former offices into a new Community Center and opened for use on January 16, 2009.
  - Resurfacing of the basketball court at Hodge-?Turner-Young is completed
5. Status of CIP project recently approved by the Board:
- Fred Thompson has been assigned as Project Manager to manage CIP projects for Park Services.
  - Turners Creek Boat Ramp parking lot paving - Engineering is currently working with a consultant for design.
  - Kings Ferry Park Restroom - Bid opening was held on 10/21/08. Contract awarded to Kirby Enterprising on 11/07/08. Construction was placed on hold until a determination was made to raise the finish floor elevation above 11' msl or have the architect to provide a Hydrostatic Venting. Building and Safety gave the approval on 2/19/09 to install a Hydrostatic Venting System.
6. RAP improvements identified in Park Services operating budget for FY 08.
- Jim Golden Complex backstop replacement -Field layout provided by Chain Baseball and an engineer was hired to revise the plans to bid out. Fred Thompson is preparing bid packages with the intent of making improvements before mid March.
  - Change water source at the Soccer Complex - Design completion is pending.

**FUNDING:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

For Board Information Only

[All Districts]

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion being made by Commissioner Shay and seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board recessed at 12:30 p.m. to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, land acquisition and personnel. [NOTE: Commissioners Shay and Odell were not present.]

Following adjournment of the Executive Session, the meeting of the Board of Commissioners was reconvened at 1:17 p.m.

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**ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

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

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**APPOINTMENTS**

- 1. **SAVANNAH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (SEDA)**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Shay moved to approve the appointment of Terry Coleman to serve on the Savannah Economic Development Authority. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell, Odell and Kicklighter were not present.]

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Liakakis declared the meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

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**APPROVED:** THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

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

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 SYBIL E. TILLMAN, CLERK OF COMMISSION