

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, MAY 8, 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

Pastor Benny Mitchell, Connor’s Temple Baptist Church, gave the Invocation.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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IV. ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Pete Liakakis, Chairman
 B. Dean Kicklighter, Chairman Pro Tem, District Seven (arrived approximately 10:30 a.m.)
 Helen L. Stone, District One
 James J. Holmes, District Two
 Patrick Shay, District Three
 Patrick K. Farrell, District Four
 Harris Odell, Jr., District Five
 David M. Gellatly, District Six

Absent: Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman, District Eight

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

Chairman Liakakis said, I ask for a motion on the floor to excuse Priscilla Thomas, she’s in the hospital today, to excuse her absence. We need a motion.

Commissioner Stone made a motion to excuse the absence of Commissioner Thomas. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Kicklighter and Thomas were not present.]

Chairman Liakakis said, I’m pretty sure Commissioner Kicklighter is on the way.

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V. PROCLAMATION AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. CHAIRMAN'S STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS.

Chairman Liakakis said, I'm glad to be here this morning. This is a very important morning for this County Commission meeting and also for the citizens because today is a day that we celebrate and recognize the National County Government Week and what I'll do to start off this morning is to go through the State of the County Address now. I want to say good morning to all of the Commissioners and to all of the people that are present here, our elected people, our law enforcement people and others in the community.

County residents are no strangers to difficult circumstances. Our character is forged from colonial times through wars, great hardships and economic setbacks. Like so many, I am a son of an immigrant and by the grace of God, born in Savannah, blessed in the freedom and prosperity of our great democracy.

Our economic, cultural and ethnic diversity have always made Chatham County unique when compared to most of Georgia. We are a community of firsts and have a resolve to overcome. 2009 has started on anxious footing because of state, national and international economic uncertainty. Though ever conscious of how these forces can alter our quality of life, we cannot ignore the countless blessings showered on a coastal community with a rich natural bounty primed for economic rebound. We place hope and are focused on a busy port and a pent-up demand to live and thrive in excellent residential communities.

In private business and even family life, when money is tight it can surely lead to strained relations and anxious moments. The business of government is open and, no doubt in the tugging that will be brought about by fewer dollars, we will experience strained relations and anxious moments with other governments.

The County Commission in 2005 put in place a City/County Coalition, consisting of Garden City, Port Wentworth, Bloomingdale, Pooler, Tybee, Thunderbolt, Savannah and Vernonburg, made up of all municipalities within Chatham County with a unified purpose of working together for the mutual benefits of our citizens, and for the improvements of services and overall progress. The County continues to support this coalition on all issues that will benefit our citizens. Though dollars are tight, we plan to build and rely on this partnership in these hard times.

For years, the State has looked to local governments to solve "Atlanta" problems. This situation has worsened because of the State's fiscal hard times.

It's never easy trying to focus on the broadest of views to benefit the most citizens. Chatham County, unlike any city, however, has responsibility to the largest constituency and greatest geographic area. What is best for County residents is more broadly defined.

This is National County Government Week, and the theme is "Greening Our Future." Coinciding, with the County's goal of being the "Greenest County in Georgia," we are showcasing what is being done to protect the environment, and how we are using our resources wisely.

The last twelve months have been packed with noteworthy accomplishments including the above-mentioned goal and much more.

- The Chatham Environmental Forum developed "A Road Map for Chatham County in its Journey to Become the Greenest County in the State of Georgia." The road map provides an action plan for sustainability for focusing on 36 goals, 69 objectives and 188 action items. We want to become a sustainable community and reverse the environmental, economic and social threats: pollution and greenhouse gas emissions from fossil-fueled vehicles and electrical generation; waste generation and its impact on land use and groundwater; water consumption in a community threatened by saltwater intrusion; stormwater runoff and other pollution as a threat to water quality; and loss of green space. Unless we begin a concerted effort to shift away from wasting resources, the next generation will be grievously affected.
- We've added 750 acres to the County's land conservation program, which now totals more than 1,500 acres. During the past four years, the acquisition included a purchase of 640 acres which stretches from Southeast 204 to the Ogeechee River as an integral part of the Lower Ogeechee River Conservation Corridor. The County has reserved more than 1,500 acres in this area, which is the single largest assemblage of county land since the 1887 acquisition, which led to the development of Bacon Park. The Lower Ogeechee River Conservation Corridor not only meets green space goals, but also supports the County's commitment to Hunter Army Airfield and Fort Stewart.
- Further, we acquired a 108-acre parcel of land which will become the first permitted Salt Marsh Mitigation Bank in the State of Georgia. Any public project, such as road, drainage and work along the Savannah River, requires mitigation to offset any impact to saltwater marsh; otherwise, the project will not receive federal and state permit approval. A mitigation banking instrument, which the Corps of Engineers must approve with federal agencies' concurrence, provides a savings account for future projects.
- While staying on track to build a much needed Detention Center funded by SPLOST, we have also acquired an adjoining 50-acre parcel that will provide stormwater retention and use as a "solar field."

- The Chatham Area Transit Authority has ordered 11 hybrid buses.
- In close coordination with the Bamboo Farm and the University of Georgia, we are creating a passive 400-acre recreation site, currently referred to as the Litchfield Tract that will enhance wetlands.
- We've added additional recycling services at the Sharon Park, Chevis Road and Concord Road Drop-Off Centers. We just recently opened a Recycling and Education Center on Eisenhower Drive. Public response is outstanding. And if you go there, you'll see there's recycling area is much more than you usually see because not only the things the things where it's metal and paper and glass and plastics, those kinds of things, but we have a place there that you can bring your used oil. We have a bulk container for that. We also have a place at that location for used flashlight batteries, for automobile batteries, and also you can bring your old computers and electronic equipment because that is also at that particular site on Eisenhower.
- We have completed a stabilization project of the western section of McQueen's Trail to restore eroded sections through an innovative system of oyster-shell encased bulkheads. The natural wall not only promotes oyster reefs, which help purify water, but also promotes growth of marsh grass as habitat and shoreline protection. The six-mile trail, a conversion of an historic railroad bed into a hiking, biking and walking trail through pristine marshland, became the first Rails-to-Trails project in Georgia.
- We have worked with the Savannah Bicycle Campaign and volunteers to replace four timber bridges for the bicycle trail at Tom Triplett Community Park. The County provided materials and inspection services, while the volunteers provided labor.
- The County awarded a contract for beautification of the Placentia Canal. This is the second project under an innovative agreement with the Savannah Tree Foundation, which serves as project manager to implement the landscape plan, and oversee a three-year grow-in period to enforce warranty issues.

Going beyond the greenest county strategy, the following is just a sample of what's contained in a comprehensive list of successes recorded in the County Manager's budget message that covers some twenty pages:

- The Chatham Emergency Management Agency has successfully doubled the Emergency Warning System for the installation of 33 new sirens. Added to the 27 existing sirens, the overall Emergency Warning System for the protection of our community is designed to target areas where citizens engage in outdoor activities. This system is an invaluable asset to the County and the protection of residents.
- The Chatham Emergency Management Agency has established necessary agreements for the provision of barge ferries and bridging in the event of disruption of the Skidaway Narrows Bridge.
- In May 2009, we will award the construction contract for the Animal Control Shelter. The \$2 million project will provide a building of about 14,000 square feet, and the kennel areas represent almost 75% of the total space. The design calls for 116 kennels with dog runs (compared to the 38 cages that they use at the Animal Shelter now.) A separate area will serve as holding pens for cats.
- This Commission has human concerns about those who are less fortunate. For we of the things that this Commission did, we recently made a contract with Union Mission to provide services in this community that are homeless, those that are less fortunate in many other areas that don't have insurance, those in our community that need dental and other medical services. They provide also the services for those that have alcohol and drug addiction, and so they've done an outstanding job in the past and now with this contract, they will continue to be able to provide those services for those that are less fortunate that we are in this community.
- We are partnering with United Way and Project Step-Up to create a Tool Bank, a national program to increase the capacity of communities to serve their citizens. Under the program, a charitable organization can borrow tools for volunteer projects, facility maintenance and improvement, community projects and special events.
- The fifth annual Savannah Children's Book Festival held in November, brought over 22,000 people of all ages to Forsyth Park to enjoy a multitude of local and national authors, illustrators, and performers to celebrate the joy of reading.
- We have awarded contracts and purchased services that kept almost \$23 million in the local economy. This represents 64% of contracts that were let by the County.
- The Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council continues to build on their work to strengthen the infrastructure for primary care and improve access to and the quality of care for our un- and underinsured citizens. Their website is up and running. It will allow a visitor to explore healthcare available to those who are facing financial setbacks or unemployment in our community.
- The County's Risk Management has applied for workers compensation reimbursement to the State of Georgia's Subsequent Injury Trust Fund. To date, over \$800,000 in claims are scheduled for reimbursement.

- The County's Construction Apprentice Program, managed through Project Step-Up, has graduated 103 students, and this is a program that's really impressive and really good for those in our community who are on very low income in the poverty area. We started this in 2005 and we have continued that for several years since 2005, and this is important. If you could listen to the stories of those people, some of them who have criminal records, who have turned their lives around, and they now have become citizens who want to do the right thing and make sure that they are paying taxpayers in our community. That's what they relate to us when we have the graduations, which is really great. And these Apprentice Programs that we have put together with Savannah Technical College and the Step-Up Program, what they do, they go to Savannah Technical College and they get the training and they learn a skill, and then what we do through the State Labor Department or the County people, we help them to get jobs, and most of those jobs, as far as I know — in fact, almost all of them — they have been high-paying jobs. And that's really important to have a program like this to bring people up in our community.
- The Sheriff's Department has one of the top Sex Offender Registry Cracking Unit in the southeastern United States. We are proactive and doing all possible things to protect our citizens.
- The Counter Narcotics Team has seized over \$1.7 million worth of drugs, 101 firearms, 15 vehicles and approximately \$250,000 in currency. In addition, they've dismantled four methamphetamine laboratories. In partnership with the DEA, they have disrupted several drug distribution organizations and have arrested many of the large dealers and providers of drugs in our area and some of the surrounding counties.

I am confident that twelve months from now, much more will be added to this tally of successes. Regardless of the challenges, the genuine worth of this County Commission and the quality of our workforce is an unbeatable combination.

Recently, Commissioner Shay affirmed that the County has the best employees around. He speaks for the entire County Commission. Our citizens repeatedly take time to say thank you. A highly motivated workforce knows that they can and do make a difference.

Elected officials and Constitutional Officers have pulled as one in these difficult times. Their budget discipline reflects the tight economy. It does not go unnoticed. I would like to thank County Manager Russ Abolt, Assistant County Manager Pat Monahan, all the department heads and employees who've shown their loyalty, discipline and dedication to outstanding public service. Also, it is important to reaffirm my appreciation for all of the Commissioners: Commissioner Helen Stone, Commissioner James Holmes, Commissioner Patrick Farrell, Commissioner Patrick Shay, Commissioner Harris Odell, Commissioner David Gellatly, Commissioner Dean Kicklighter and Commissioner Priscilla Thomas, because this is important that we have a great County Commission who are doing things in this community because they care about the citizens, and I could go on and on about the accomplishments that have been done by this Commission and, of course, our great employees that we have.

I want to talk a little bit also about some other things that have been accomplished by our Commission, and these are just maybe one thing for each Commissioner, like Commissioner Stone. She has been a leader in calling for a new animal shelter. Commissioner Holmes was one of the founding fathers of the Construction Apprentice Program, which has been very successful. Commissioner Shay introduced the innovative idea of the Greenest County. Commissioner Farrell can take pride in his recreation efforts and boat ramps and other recreational things in our County. Commissioner Odell has been a leader in improving health care in our community. Commissioner Gellatly has been a champion of very high quality and well-used Aquatic Center. Commissioner Kicklighter has led the way in improving Triplett Park. Dr. Thomas has been the advocate for the West Broad YMCA. And this is just a few things, I'm just naming a few what this Commission has done working together in conjunction and a partnership and teamwork and also with the other cities, seven cities and the Town of Vernonburg that's in Chatham County. And they show how they really care for our community and the love that they have for all of the citizens in Chatham County.

To conclude, I paraphrase from "*A Prayer for Our Nation*," quoted a few months ago at a Board meeting by Commissioner Farrell.

God our Father, Giver of life,
we entrust the United States of America to
Your loving care.

Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among
Your people.

Send Your spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders.
Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the
responsibilities that accompany human freedom.
Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in
seeking and doing Your will.

May you all be blessed, and may Chatham County continue to prosper. [Applause.]

Chairman Liakakis said, one other thing I would like to say for all of the Commissioners too, their family members, whether it's a husband or a wife or another family member, other family members and all, we really appreciate them

because they support all of our County Commissioners, and that's really great, and I would like to thank also my wife, Mary Jean.

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2. PRESENTATION BY STEPHANIE BLACK, PRESIDENT OF THE GEORGIA GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (GFOA), TO CHATHAM COUNTY OF TWO AWARDS FROM THE GFOA: THE CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING (FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007) AND THE DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD (FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2008).

Chairman Liakakis said, now we're going to have one other great thing that this County has done and that's a presentation by Stephanie Black, President of the Georgia Government Finance Officers Association, to Chatham County of two awards from the Georgia Finance Officers Association – the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2007, and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008.)

Ms. Stephanie Black said, good morning. My name is Stephanie Black. I'm the Finance Director for Lowndes County Board of Commissioners and I'm also currently serving as President of the Georgia Government Finance Officers Association. This is one of the most enjoyable things that I get to do as President is to recognize my peers for excellence in financial reporting. Today is a very special opportunity for me because Linda Cramer has been such an influence on me in my involvement with the Georgia Government Finance Officers Association.

The Distinguished Budget Award and the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting are significant achievements by any government. The Distinguished Budget Award has nationally recognized standards that have to be satisfied to show how well your budget documents serve as a policy document and operations guide, a financial plan and a communication device. It has to be rated proficient in all four areas to receive the award.

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting is the highest recognition that you can receive for governmental accounting and financial reporting. To be awarded your Comprehensive Annual Financial Report must demonstrate a spirit of disclosure and motivate the users to read.

It is my privilege today to present you the Distinguished Budget Award for the year ended June 30, 2007 — I'm sorry, the Distinguished Budget for July 1, 2008, and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for June 30, 2007. Congratulations.

County Manager Abolt said, Commissioner Stone, Mr. Chairman, gentlemen, this is a very exceptional event. You're looking at a team of individuals, the employees of the Finance Department, but also individuals like Rick Tindol, our External Auditor, that are truly coming before you and saying this is special to you, and on the eve of and now with County Government Week in the presentation, of the State of the County Message, this recognition is never more appropriate. We're talking of no less than two decades of continuity in receiving this award. This is very special. Ms. Cramer, our Finance Director, is absolutely superb. I gave her many compliments in front of you. I've also recently given her one privately, which is significant from my standpoint particularly during these very difficult budget times. Ms. Cramer is not only one of the best from the standpoint of technical competence, but she's the strongest Financial Director I have ever worked with. I am also blessed, as Ms. Cramer will tell you, with an outstanding staff, which she will introduce to you momentarily. But then I want to take a moment to talk about one other individual, Rick Tindol. Rick Tindol, yes, is an auditor. He is an external auditor and a damn good one, but he has provided insight to me and recommendations and support over some difficult times. Having him as an ally, having his commitment to make Chatham County even better is why we've received this award consistently, and on top of the piece of wood and brass — copper, — brass, you're going to receive in a minute for the previous year, we just got notification this past week that we've won it again. So for the audit that was submitted by this — actually it went to the State the end of the last calendar year, it marked the end of our previous budget year, we have again been recognized for this accomplishment. Linda Cramer.

Ms. Linda Cramer said, good morning. As you look at your agenda today, you'll see that I'm all over it. We've got the budget, just everything, revenue ordinance, but the most important thing we have on the agenda today is this item because of the hard work that the Finance Department has done to make this possible every year. And you see I have a big group here with me today, and I can't see all of them, they're in a bunch, so I'll just recognize them all. But I did want to ask them, how many of you have been here more than 10 years with the County, if you'll raise your hands. So you see we have a really committed group of individuals that have worked hard and diligently every year and that's reflected in what you see on the wall. My lead person on the CAFR this year, Lesha Lanier. She's our Assistant Finance Director, and I'm going to ask her to put that plaque on the wall for the CAFR award, and then on the budget side Read DeHaven, our Budget Officer, I'm going to ask him to hang the plaque for the budget after we get done. So I thank both you and everybody that's here with us today. I'd also like to thank Derrick Cowart and Rick Tindol and we always have some technical issues especially for Derrick [Cowart] that we — this year it's mitigation bank credits that we're working on with Al Bungard, how we do that on an accounting standpoint, so there's always some technical

accounting issue that we have to crack the books on and try to determine how to put it on our CAFR, but they are always very helpful and provide us with great assistance. Thank you.

Mr. Rick Tindol said, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners, this is truly a pleasure to stand before you again and to recognize you first of all for your extraordinary leadership in difficult times, as you mentioned in your State of the County Address. It's easy to do things when things are going along fine, but when you're going through difficult times to maintain leadership and a commitment to excellence and quality is through people and you've done a tremendous job in doing that by associating yourselves with people like Russ Abolt and Linda Cramer, who get the job done, and that's what leadership is all about, getting things done through other people, and you're to be commended for your diligent efforts in being able to retain people like this. So again thanks for your leadership and work, and let's don't rest on our laurels. Like I told the people in our office, we recently went through an audit on our own – we've got 24 hours to celebrate and let's get back to work. So continued successful in this year.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you, Rick [Tindol]. Mr. Tindol said, thank you.

Ms. Cramer said, I did want to mention one more thing. Stephanie Black, who is with Lowndes County, looked at our agenda and told me their agenda is a half a page long and how long is your Commission meeting? Ms. Black said, 20 minutes. Ms. Cramer said, 20 minutes. So it's always interesting to compare what's going on across the State. Thank you for coming, Stephanie [Black].

Chairman Liakakis said, I want to thank — before you leave, anybody leaves with our Finance Department, I want you to know this County Commission really appreciates all of you, Linda's leadership and all of you because you make a difference in our community and, of course, with Linda's leadership and all, we show the citizens that they watch the money that they pay in their taxes and their fees that come in here and it's an open record to anybody in the County about our finances, and this is just terrific, and you're the ones that do the things that are necessary so that we can operate this County in a great financial area, and all of these Commissioners really thank you very much.

AGENDA ITEM: V-2

AGENDA DATE: May 8, 2009

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

ISSUE: Presentation by Stephanie Black, President of the Georgia Government Finance Officers Association, to Chatham County of two awards from the Government Finance Officer's Association (GFOA) – the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (fiscal year ended June 30, 2007) and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award (fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008).

BACKGROUND: The Finance Department participates in the GFOA's award program with annual submissions of its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Adopted Annual Budget to the GFOA for review.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. For the 24th consecutive year, the GFOA has awarded Chatham County with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. This award recognizes the Chatham County CAFR for the year ended June 30, 2007, and reflects the County's commitment to high financial reporting standards. The County has submitted its fiscal 2008 CAFR to the GFOA awards program but has not yet received notification of the award's status.
2. For the 20th consecutive year, the GFOA has awarded Chatham County with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. This award recognizes the high quality of disclosure in the County's budget document for the year beginning July 1, 2008. Chatham County ranks fourth among Georgia governments for the length of time it has received consecutive budget awards.
3. For fiscal periods beginning on or after January 1, 2006, 36 Georgia governments received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. For the 2006 fiscal year, 108 Georgia governments received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

FUNDING: N/A

POLICY ANALYSIS: Chatham County remains committed to providing quality financial reporting to its citizens and investors.

ALTERNATIVES:

For information only.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information only.

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3. PROCLAMATION OF APPRECIATION FOR BENEDICTINE MILITARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT AT LAKE MAYER. REVEREND COLONEL FRANK ZIEMKIEWICZ WILL BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE THE PROCLAMATION.

Chairman Liakakis said, Commissioner Farrell will present that today on behalf of the Chatham County Commission.

Commissioner Farrell said, good morning. It gives me great pleasure today to have the honor to present this proclamation to Benedictine Military School, and I shall read it into the public record:



WHEREAS, twenty-five years after Americans came together for the very first Earth Day, on September 29, 1995, former President Bill Clinton presented the Medal of Freedom, the highest honor given to civilians in the United States, to Gaylor Neson, the father of Earth Day; and

WHEREAS, Benedictine Military School, an institute that forms and educates young men to support a deeper commitment to their faith, prepares them for life-long learning and service to their faith and civic communities; and

WHEREAS, in preparation for this year's Earth Day, Benedictine Military School students, alumni and families rolled their sleeves up and held Community Clean Up Day and did a great job in cleaning around Lake Mayer and Ambuc Field; and

WHEREAS, Community Clean Up Day included 70 volunteers that collected debris around Lake Mayer, Chatham County Aquatic Center and the county's soccer complex. Keeping in tune with the Earth Day 2009 theme, "The Green Generation Campaign", volunteers spread mulch in all beds at Ambuc Field, the Aquatic Center and soccer complex which greatly enhanced the appearance of these facilities.

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

BENEDICTINE MILITARY SCHOOL

for conducting the Community Clean Up Day campaign and express heartfelt appreciation for the beautification projects performed by their students and alumni.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 8th day of May 2009.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Sybil E. Tillman, Clerk

Commissioner Farrell said, this was a project that I was really proud of my former high school that they came forward and said what can we do to help out Chatham County and make Chatham a better place to live, and I was like, you know, usually we're always asking people to do things and what have you, and this was really a breath of fresh air to have a group of folks willingly come forward and enthusiastically say, you know, what can we do to help things out. So I appreciate that from the bottom of my heart and would like to ask Father Frank [Ziemkiewicz] if he would like to say a few words.

Father Ziemkiewicz said, thank you very much, Pat [Farrell]. Chairman Liakakis, Commissioner Farrell, and to the other County Commissioners, Benedictine is very much indebted to Chatham County for all the support that they have given us over the past century and more. We are grateful to our students as represented by these student reps with us today; to also Mr. Rick Saunders, who, along with Commissioner Farrell, coordinated this project, and to the many faculty, staff and parents who help make this day possible. We were very grateful that we could contribute to the County and hope that that relationship will continue for years in the future. Thank you so much.

Chairman Liakakis said, Father Frank [Ziemkiewicz], I'd like to thank you on behalf of the Chatham County Commission. We know with your participation at this great Benedictine Military School you have made a difference, and we appreciate all of the students and things because many of the graduates of Benedictine have gone to higher areas and have been really successful not only here but around the country and around the world. And we really appreciate that because it's wonderful to have a military school like this that imparts many great things to the students so that they will be successful in their later life, and of course we thank Benedictine also for the things that they do to participate in the community, not only helping us here at the County, but other projects whether it's civil — whether it happens to be a civic situation or charitable. That's really admirable. Thank you.

Father Ziemkiewicz said, thank you so much, Mr. Chairman. We do appreciate it, thank you.

Commissioner Farrell said, at this time I'd just like to take one second and have Rick Saunders, one of my classmates from Benedictine, come and introduce these just a small handful of young men that came today to participate in this.

Mr. Saunders said, thank you, Pat [Farrell]. Thank you, Commissioners. The four representatives of the 70 students, the first one is Cole Nettles [phonetic], my son Ryan Saunders, Ben Summerlin and Charles Spellman [phonetic]. Thank y'all very much, all four, plus all the other 66 young men who gave their time to help our community.

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4. PROCLAMATION TO DECLARE MAY 9, 2009, AS "STAMP OUT HUNGER DAY" IN CHATHAM COUNTY. ISIAH WHITE WILL BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE THE PROCLAMATION.

Chairman Liakakis said, Commissioner Odell will present the proclamation. This is a very important day for tomorrow and something that really helps out in our community.

Commissioner Odell said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will now read the proclamation.



WHEREAS, it is with deep concern for the hundreds of thousands of citizens nationwide who face increasing difficulties feeding their families we join with the National Association of Letter Carriers as they help "Stamp Out Hunger" by supporting America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia; and

WHEREAS, all citizens of Chatham County deserve to be confident about food security because it is one of the basics of life; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Letter Carriers seek to secure additional resources to help families fight hunger by supporting a food drive; and

WHEREAS, May 9, 2009 has been designated "Stamp Out Hunger Day" and the National Letter Carriers' Association in partnership with America's Second Harvest Food of Coastal Georgia will conduct a food drive to provide valuable food resources to those in need to help reduce hunger within our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pete Liakakis, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 9, 2009 as:

STAMP OUT HUNGER DAY

in Chatham County and encourage all citizens and businesses of this community to join in supporting the National Letter Carriers' Association and America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia during this food drive to secure additional resources for our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 8th day of May 2009.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Sybil E. Tillman, Clerk

Ms. Mary Jane Crouch said, thank you for having us today. I'm Mary Jane Crouch, Executive Director of Second Harvest Food Bank here, and I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for the support and to thank the citizens of Chatham County for their continuing support. As the economic problems continue to grow in our country, we are seeing a great need of food and we appreciate you supporting us this way. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you. Isaiah [White].

Mr. Isaiah White said, I'd like to thank the County Commissioner Mr. Pete Liakakis for presenting us with this proclamation and we would ask that all patrons put out the food for the carriers on Saturday, May 9th, and I also would like to introduce my postmaster, Ms. Barbara King.

Ms. Barbara King said, good morning. I would like to thank you all. This is an effort that's very dear to our heart. Not only do we take pride in delivering mail, we are also concerned about the community and this is one way that we can connect and help those that are in need, and we really do appreciate it.

Ms. King said, before I leave, I would like to present to you, Commissioner Liakakis, I have a Barack Obama stamp cascade and also, Mr. Gellatly, we have some cascades that were left from your retirement. I would like to present those to you and you can share those with your family. But thank you all so much.

Chairman Liakakis said, just a minute. Isaiah [White], hold it just a minute. I'd like to encourage because it's been in the newspaper and all and I remember last year about the postal workers, the postmen going door to door in the community and where people let, you know, put their items that they were contributing to the Food Bank, that y'all collected well over 75,000 pounds, what I understand last year, and hopefully that will be greater this year because as was mentioned, it's really important because of these times that we have and the economic turndown that we really need that for more citizens who go to the Food Bank that has helped them because a lot of them would not have food in this community and around the country if we didn't have this Second Harvest Food Bank, and so I encourage all the citizens in Chatham County, all of the cities, to please remember tomorrow morning to put their food items, their staple items right there. They want canned goods and, you know, whether it's meat products or beans or whatever it is, we'd like for them to really and truly participate in this for Saturday morning and they can make a difference in many people's lives, and we thank all the postal people and those that are involved in it. Mr. White said, thank you, sir. Chairman Liakakis said, you're welcome.

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5. RESOLUTION REQUESTING GDOT TO ADD THE MACON TO SAVANNAH LINK TO THEIR HIGH SPEED RAIL STUDY.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, I would really defer to you as Chairman of the CORE, formerly CUTS Planning Group. Mr. Thomson, is in the audience to comment, but this is a marked statement on your part to support this type of transportation, which is long needed. We would ask you, sir, to have the Board approve the resolution.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, thank you. We need a motion on the floor.

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

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second to request GDOT to ask for this resolution to request GDOT to add the Macon to Savannah to their high speed rail study. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Kicklighter and Thomas were not present.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone made a motion to approve a resolution requesting the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to add the Macon and Savannah link to their high speed rail study. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Kicklighter and Thomas were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: V-5

AGENDA DATE: May 8, 2009

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Thomas L. Thomson, MPC Executive Director

ISSUE:

Resolution to request the Georgia Department of Transportation to include the study of a high speed rail line between Macon and Savannah in the high speed rail line feasibility study.

BACKGROUND:

Currently the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is working on a feasibility study of a high speed rail line from Charlotte, North Carolina, to Atlanta, and on to Macon. MPC staff spoke with the Director of Intermodal for GDOT and he would like to study a Macon to Savannah line and asked that the City of Savannah, Chatham County, other municipalities within Chatham County, the Metropolitan Planning Commission, CORE MPO, and the Chamber of Commerce send letters to GDOT to endorse the study.

Recently, the President unveiled a proposed high speed rail network which included the Macon to Savannah line and a line connecting Savannah to Jacksonville, Florida.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Macon to Savannah high speed rail line will link Savannah to the President's proposed high speed rail network.
2. The Macon to Savannah high speed rail line will cut existing travel time between Atlanta and Savannah, reduce congestion on existing highways along the proposed rail line, save energy, reduce pollution, and perhaps haul freight to and from the Port of Savannah to distribution centers around the nation.
3. The rail line may encourage more economic development in the Chatham County – Savannah region.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Pass the resolution and send a letter to GDOT requesting that a high speed rail link between Macon and Savannah be included in the high speed rail feasibility study.
2. Do not pass the resolution.

FUNDING:

No funding required.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

It is the policy of the Board of Commissioners to promote projects and studies that will benefit Chatham County.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative #1, to pass the resolution and send a letter to GDOT requesting that a high speed rail link between Macon and Savannah be included in the high speed rail feasibility study.

STATE OF GEORGIA)
COUNTY OF CHATHAM)

**RESOLUTION FOR THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO
REQUEST THAT A HIGH SPEED RAIL LINE BETWEEN MACON AND
SAVANNAH BE INCLUDED IN THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION'S HIGH SPEED RAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY**

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners requests the Georgia Department of Transportation's Office of Intermodal and the Federal Transit Authority to include the Macon to Savannah corridor in the high speed rail network feasibility study; and

WHEREAS, this link will connect Savannah to President Obama's proposed national high speed rail network via Macon and Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, this proposed rail line will cut the existing travel time between Atlanta and Savannah, relieve congestion on existing highways along the proposed rail network routes, save energy, reduce pollution, and haul freight from the Port of Savannah to distribution centers around the nation; and

WHEREAS, construction of a high speed rail link to Savannah will encourage economic development in the Savannah area.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chatham County Board of Commissioners requests the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration that the Macon to Savannah corridor be included in the high speed rail network.

APPROVED: This _____ day of May, 2009.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA**

ATTEST:

Pete Liakakis, Chairman

Sybil E. Tillman, County Clerk

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CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

Chairman Liakakis said, before we go on I would like to introduce Byron Spellman, who is the Youth Commissioner for Jenkins High School. We're glad to have you here this morning, Byron.

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INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Chairman Liakakis said, in the audience too the elected officials, I know some of them have already left after we did the State of the County, but I would like for the elected officials to stand up because we want you to be recognized. I know Dick Wolff [sic] was here from Tybee. Are any other elected officials — Now here's our Mayor Otis Johnson. Any other elected official. We thank you very much, Otis [Johnson], for coming today because the Mayor and this Commission and myself, we've worked together on a number of projects and that's really good for all of our citizens to work together to try, you know, to put a lot of things in place for our citizens to make it much better for them. And I know sometimes we might have some concern on different issues and all, but we still overall are working on projects to make it better to make sure that our citizens are protected and have many other services that we're able to offer.

I'd also like to recognize in the audience too, we have Colonel Holmes, who is in charge of our County Facility, our inmates. Colonel Holmes. You see Chief Berkow here with the Metropolitan Police Department, who's done a good job, and I see a couple of others who work hard in our business community and really get out there, is none other than the President of the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce Bill Hubbard, who has been on board here for 10 years doing a lot of things. Bill [Hubbard]. And in back of him in Trip Tollison, who heads up the governmental affairs for the Chamber also, who has done an outstanding job working with all of the governmental agencies and many subjects that we need. Thank you both for being here.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

1. APPLICATION FOR BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA.

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

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second. Let's go on the board . The motion carried unanimously. County Manager Abolt said, that will appear on your Action Calendar.

[NOTE: See Item X-9 for Board action.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay made a motion to place on the Action Calendar the request for the County's participation in a Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Local Award. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

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2. STATUS OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Stone and gentlemen, it is necessary for the purpose of confirming what you have already instructed staff to do, to address a previous formal action on this Board several weeks back where we recommended and you concurred that health risk assessment and participation would have a mandatory connotation to it. Under your instructions and the changes in health care contributions by our employees starting the first of January, we'll be making this an incentive program, but if you participate in this health risk assessment, you will receive the benefit of a reduced premium. So, in effect, I would just ask that a motion be recorded that you have corrected — not corrected, but gone in a new direction on this. It is no longer mandatory, but it's voluntary with an incentive of a reduced premium. We need a motion.

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

Commissioner Odell said, just by way of commenting — may I? The health risk assessment is a necessary ingredient to our controlling spiraling health care costs. Our health care costs have consistently gone up between 12% to 15% annually. Just think that if you have a stock that went up 12% to 15% annually we wouldn't have AIG and all the other companies that are getting stimulus money. We have a problem. That problem is that our costs are continuing to escalate. Our income, and income is monies that we derive from our tax base are going to start dwindling. This Commission made a determination. That determination was that we needed to look from a management engineering standpoint at every element of our budget to make a rational determination as to whether or not we could reduce the costs. We did not because it was so urgent tell all of our employees this is a good deal for you in that hopefully we will help save your life by determining if you have elevated glucose, by determining if your pressure is such that you could die of a stroke, by looking at the other risk factors.

It's a good deal to do the health risk assessment for the employees, not only because of the health benefit, but because of the cost savings. We made it mandatory. We have modified it and made it strongly optional with a message, and the message is as follows: It is our obligation as the employer to provide a standard hopefully or protocol for the various disease categories that confront our employees to say this is what the current treatment modality appears to be. If people decide to deviate from those standards, they have an absolute constitutional right to do that. They do not have a constitutional absolute right to have other people pay for it. Those people who are in compliance, I believe, should receive a benefit for that compliance, and those people who elect not to should pay the increasing costs, which is in no way reflective of what their actual cost impact will be to this County. We did this as a good thing, not as punitive but as a good thing, and I think it's a good thing, and hopefully when we have employees to come before us that the quality of life will be better because of what we're doing here today. And those are my comments. Thank you.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell made a motion that beginning the first of January 2010 Chatham County employees who participate in the health risk assessment will receive a reduced premium. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

None.

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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 10:30 a.m., and convened as the Chatham Area Transit Authority. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

Following adjournment of the Chatham Area Transit Authority, the Board reconvened as the County Commission at 1:08 p.m.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

1. * PURCHASING ITEM F WAS TABLED AT THE APRIL 24, 2009, BOARD MEETING.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
F. Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract for a storage building at Tom Triplett Park for additional construction of a wood fence	Parks and Recreation	Keith Ray Construction, Inc.	\$5,780	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Tom Triplett Park

Chairman Liakakis recognized County Manager Abolt.

County Manager Abolt said, motion to take it off the table, please sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to take it off the table. Commissioner Farrell said, second.

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

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, I'll make a motion to approve this item. I spoke with the Public Works Director and am satisfied with the answer. Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, alright, clear the board. Let's go on the board for approval. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Gellatly and Thomas were not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Kicklighter made a motion to untable this item and place it before the Commissioners for discussion. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Gellatly and Thomas were not present.]
- b. Commissioner Kicklighter made a motion to approve Item F, Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract with Keith Ray Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$5,780 for a storage building at Tom Triplett Park for additional construction of a wood fence. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Gellatly and Thomas were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: VIII-1
AGENDA DATE: May 8, 2009

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: May 4, 2009

TO: R. E. Abolt, County Manger

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

SUBJECT: Change Order #1 with Keith Ray Construction For Cost for the Wood Fencing at Tom Triplett Park

Russ, per the project engineer Charlie George of Thomas & Hutton, the cost for the six-foot "dog ear" type pressure treated wood fencing at Tom Triplett Park is in line with the market.

The purpose of the fence is to isolate the pump house building and storage area from view of the park users. The fence extends thirty linear feet along the entrance drive, and sixty three-linear feet across the front of the existing pump house and the new storage building. It then turns back on the wooded side six feet. There are two eight foot gates in front of the pump house, and two ten foot gates in front of the storage building. The cost includes removing and replacing a portion of the existing chain link fence around the pump house and reinstall at the rear of the new storage building.

As you know, Keith Ray Construction was under contract with the County to construct the new storage building. By allowing the on site contractor to do the work, the County avoid delaying the project by bidding or requesting quotes and the possibility of the price coming in higher. It has become difficult to get vendors to bid or provide quote on small jobs.

Installing this wood fence will continue the continuity of the surrounding area.

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ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order 1, in the amount of \$5,780, to the contract with Keith Ray Construction, Inc., for the construction of a storage building at Tom Triplett Park, for additional construction of a wood fence.

BACKGROUND: On 5 September 2008, the Board approved a construction contract with Keith Ray Construction, Inc., for the construction of a storage building that would allow staff to store equipment needed to maintain the facility and grounds at Tom Triplett Park.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. This change order is for the construction of a wood fence in place of the chain link in front of the newly constructed storage building and well house. The chain link fence was not consistent with other fenced in areas within the park.
- 2. The wood fence will further eliminate the exposure of leaving the equipment unprotected. Adding the wood fence was not part of the original specifications.
- 3. Contract history:

Original Contract (9-5-08)	\$78,400
Change Order 1 (pending)	<u>5,780</u>
Revised Contract amount	\$84,180

- 4. Staff believes the price, \$5,780, received from Keith Ray Construction, Inc. for the additional construction of the wood fencing is fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003 - 2008) - Tom Triplett Park
(3234981 - 54.13009 - 32370017)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of Change Order 1, in the amount of \$5,780, to the contract with Keith Ray Construction, Inc., for the construction of a storage building at Tom Triplett Park, for the additional construction of a wood fence.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

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2. * BOARD CONSIDERATION OF OPTIONS FOR MANAGEMENT OF CHATHAM COUNTY EMPLOYEE/RETIREE HEALTH PLAN. Item was tabled at the April 24, 2009, Board meeting.

Chairman Liakakis said, the item was tabled at the April 24, 2009, Board meeting and proposed now to keep it on the table.

County Manager Abolt said, the only thing we need, Mr. Chairman, is some direction from the Board because the contract with the current provider ends the 30th of June. We need some direction from you as to how long you wish to continue that.

Chairman Liakakis said, well, let's — I guess — would you have the information to us at the next meeting or should we go to the second meeting? County Manager Abolt said, no sir. Well, we have to —

Commissioner Odell said, we have to have it before you can get some information.

County Manager Abolt said, what y'all have to say is to us — I'm not trying to put you uncomfortably in the spot but we are in a spot because the current contract ends the 30th of June. You put it on the table, which is your ever right, we just need some direction from you as to how long you wish to continue — extend the contract with the current provider.

Commissioner Odell said, I think we take it off the table and deal with it today, and I'll make a motion to take it off the table. Commissioner Gellatly said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second, let's go on the board . The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

Commissioner Odell said, Mr. Chairman, if —. Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Commissioner Odell said, I'd like to give staff directions to look at alternate systems of providing employee health services to our employees and our retirees. That would either be looking at other health care providers, one option, or being similar to the City of Savannah and that is going through a servicing agent that would administer the program. I say this for the following reasons.

One is the City of Savannah has a thousand more employees than we have and they pay 50% fo what we pay to administer the plan. You've got to ask yourself is that a good business deal. I think not and would urge that we instruct staff to develop an RFP, which is really time consuming, and to look at —, and the last time the reason we didn't change was changing for the sake of changing is no change. But I think that there's sufficient cost difference if we look at being self-insured and a servicing agent as opposed to going through with either Blue Cross or Signal or someone else, look at those as separate options. I predict with the wellness program intact and if we follow through and follow up on the wellness program, that we should in our first year see about a 10% reduction whereas now we're at \$20,000,000. Last year we had a 12% increase. In four more years we're going to be close to \$30,000,000.

One of the problems nationally that happen with companies like General Motors was that they were paying more money for health insurance than they were paying for steel. We have to put the brakes on. We cannot look at insurance companies to do something that is not in their best interest. Why would they reduce health care costs when they get a piece of the premium or their income is based upon the total of our expenditures. So they have no realistic incentives. We have an incentive and our incentive is the money pool is ending, and I think we need to make a decision on this. I brought it up — this is the second year. I took the time to do a study which looked at the City of Savannah, looked at wellness programs nationwide. I'm hopeful that we can get staff to do something by way of a proposal, even if we have to extend it for several months with our current provider. No criticism, it's just I don't think we can afford it anymore.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, we need direction as to specific alternatives, and just as Commissioner Odell alluded to I'll need to have direction as to how long you wish to extend the current contract.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, over three months.

Commissioner Odell said, yeah. I would recommend three months. Is that too long? County Manager Abolt said, no, no. That's not long enough.

Commissioner Odell asked, six months? County Manager Abolt said, no less than six months, sir. Commissioner Odell said, okay, why don't we do this? Why don't we, whatever we do would not go into effect until the first of 2010, which will give us six months from our budget year so that we can phase it in, and I'd like Linda — Linda — Ms. Cramer? Could I get your thoughts on that? If we did —. County Manager Abolt said, I really need Mr. Kaigler and I can't find him. Commissioner Odell said, he's outside. Commissioner Farrell said, at the hot dog stand. Commissioner Odell said, to look at extending the contract with our current health care provider for six months, which would give us — which would mean January 1, 2010. If we were going to make a move, we would do it then. My question is whether or not that would be sufficient time in your opinion for us to get out a request for proposal, look at various proposals, make some decision, have enough time to do the transition?

Ms. Cramer said, the last time we did the RFP process, we had the consultant screen the application and then we actually interviewed seven firms, I believe. That process was close to five months, I think. So I would say it depends on how quickly we move on it. We might be able to put something in place —.

County Manager Abolt said, why don't you to help out with Mr. Kaigler, if your choice might be item Alternative #3, then you could extend for six months with the understanding we would go month to month after that if we don't quite make it within six months.

Commissioner Odell said, I'll make that motion. Commissioner Gellatly said, second.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, I know there's a motion on the floor and I'll just make — I've got two comments. Ms. Cramer, it was my understanding that with Blue Cross and Blue Shield there would be no increase for this year? It was flat. Ms. Cramer said, they came and met with us towards the end of April, and I believe the administrative cost went up about 3%. On that subsequent meeting — that was the meeting subsequent to our initial estimate. At that meeting also the retiree cost, as you know, went up for the budget and the employee cost went up a little bit more. So we were relatively flat on the active employee side except for that administrative cost increase.

Commissioner Stone said, my only concern is that I just don't want to make a lateral move. I mean, if we're going to switch carriers, I want it for a very good reason because I don't see any point, and I think somebody already said, change just for the sake of change. Okay, thank you.

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman? Chairman Liakakis said, go ahead. Go ahead, Pat [Shay]. Commissioner Shay said, I guess Michael Kaigler is not here. This is personal but it's also relevant to the broader issue. My family physician is an associate of South Coast Medical, and I have a medical testing scheduled for Monday morning, and if anybody can make sense of all the conflicting correspondence that I've received over the past three or four weeks about whether or not South Coast is actually a covered provider, I would like to know that for personal reasons because I don't want to show up for the test and then find out they're not covered, but then I know that there are an awful lot of County employees that are in the same boat other than me.

Mr. Michael Kaigler said, as of last week South Coast and Blue Cross entered into a 15-day extension to their contract. That will go through the 15th of May. They're scheduled to meet next week to hopefully finalize the contract. We will know probably on the 13th whether they've come to any agreement or not.

Commissioner Shay asked, so if I go for my medical testing on Monday, I'll be covered? Mr. Kaigler said, yes sir. Commissioner Shay said, I would point out to Commissioner Stone that if there's no other reason why I'm ready to make a change, this is certainly one. Keeping me and everybody else that's a part of South Coast in this sort of game of "gotcha" back and forth is — well, the word that comes to my mind probably I shouldn't say on television. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, one of the problems that we have with this, of course, is that the South Coast is not about money about what South Coast is charging for their treatment of their patients. It's mainly because what South — I mean, what Blue Cross wants to do is add additional things in the contract that will put a bind on South Coast. I had a doctor call me, Dr. Ross, and he's just a couple of individual doctors in his office and are treating a number of patients that have a serious illness and has for 10 years, and so this situation that we've got now is that they need to come together, you know, as soon as possible and come to some kind of agreement because it's putting a heavy burden is what a number of people have contacted us about South Coast.

Commissioner Shay said, I didn't mean to open up a topic of negotiations between Blue Cross and South Coast, which are clearly business negotiations. My point is simply that this game of brinkmanship of bringing it right to the edge and then going over the edge and then using that as a way to leverage sentiment among County employees I think is reprehensible behavior.

County Manager Abolt said, I mean, Mr. Chairman, on that very subject, whether it's South Coast or any other, the mortal sin committed here by Blue Cross-Blue Shield is they never let us as an employer know this was going on.

Commissioner Odell said, in advance we had no knowledge or information and their contract year with Physicians Group should be — should dovetail with our contract year. Our contract ends potentially, if we elect it, July 1 or June 30. To think that we would have — and my daughter, one of her physicians is with South Coast. I see the business strategy, and here's the business strategy, I notify all of your clients, you as the doctor, that we're not going to cover you financially anymore. What happens is that doctor's patients flee to other places that will cover it, so it is a draconian bargaining tool. I agree with Commissioner Stone, if it's a lateral move I don't want to do it, but someone has to tell me in that we've got all these conservatives, and conservative to me just doesn't mean that you're conservative to me, it means you're conservative as far as spending money. Someone has to tell me why we're paying twice as much as the City of Savannah for administrative cost and what we're given for it when the City of Savannah's plan has gone down an average of 8% to 9%, when our plan has increased an average 20% to 12%. I don't see the logic or the intelligence in that.

So I think we should bid the contract. Only through bidding it will we know what our options are and the facts will be what the facts will be, but this is not going to be a hit dog that lays quiet and let this continue to go by. It's not going to go by unchallenged. We're spending \$20,000,000 a year. You have needs in your department, in your areas. We cannot meet those needs. We have to control this cost. This is taxpayer dollars and for us to spend more than what we are obligated to do I think is malfeasance. So I say bid the contract. I know it's a lot of time, Michael [Kaigler]. As far as me, I will be objective. Last year I didn't want to make a lateral move simply because changing from a devil you know to an unknown devil, and there are no difference in costs, is not an option to me. I mean, I don't have to make a decision there. I'm going to stay with the devil I know as opposed to going to a devil I don't know when I'm not making any money. This is about money, wellness programs for our employees, neither of which we have gotten a

fair deal on our current contract to the point that we have to develop a wellness program, and this is not about friendship and who has influence. This is other people's money that we are dealing with here. We have an obligation to make certain we get the biggest bang for the buck. This is \$20,000,000 — \$20,000,000 — and I think we bid it. We look objectively, and I would ask though that we look at bringing in a consultant, and I mentioned this in our preliminary budget here, to assist us in the analysis of the various proposals. That competitiveness to me means that we compete with the City of Savannah, so those people who think that comparable with the City of Savannah is not an option, that we can ignore that, then you have a right to believe any misinformation you choose to. This is America. You don't have to believe the truth. The truth is we have to be comparable and I'd like to know what they're spending per employee as far as their administrative cost.

Chairman Liakakis said, let me respond to one of the things you said, Harris [Odell]. What do you think about us looking at the different plans compared with the City and others if we can get something from the National Association to see what they recommend to us also because getting a consultant right off the bat could cost us in excess of \$250,000, but if we're able to get this information that will satisfy the Commissioners showing that, you know, what has come about, we wouldn't have to spend that kind of money.

Commissioner Odell said, let me just respond. For each covered life that we have, ACCG receives payment each month on each covered life. Is that a true statement? Mr. Kaigler said, yes sir. Commissioner Odell said, here's my concern. My concern is that the people we would look to as experts have a vested interest in picking a horse that may not be the best horse for this County. We're going to spend the money and I think we can be penny-wise and pound-foolish, but we're going to spend the money. Why do you have a consultant that may cost as much as \$200,000? The same reason the Board of Education used one, the same reason the City of Savannah, the State of Georgia, and that is you cannot house that level of expertise in Human Resources. The salary that those people make exceeds the County Manager and some of the other positions that we pay. A lot of money —. County Manager said, more than that. Commissioner Odell said, but let me — I think we know what they are, Mr. Chairman. We have to know what they are, but we have to have someone who can advise us and — I'm not saying what the City of Savannah did was right, but their plan is going down 9%, our plan is going up 12%. Maybe money ain't important to y'all, but I'm just a little businessman and when I spend money, it has to make sense.

Chairman Liakakis said, the only thing that I'm saying, Harris [Odell], is that before we spend, you know, can very well get the consultant, but what we do is look at these other companies that are providing this insurance for other areas, you know, for cities and counties and all of that, and they might come up with something, and it's, you know, if our financial people see that, you know, it's not cost effective for us, then we can get a consultant because by looking at these other areas we might be able to save that \$250,000 plus by just trying to get the information and then get the consultant, as you're talking about.

Commissioner Odell said, I'll yield to the majority, Mr. Chairman, but if I — if I had to do it as a business entity, I would want the \$250,000 seems like it's a lot of money, but I remind you we pay over \$750,000 a year more for administrative costs than the City of Savannah, who has at least a thousand more people covered lives. So financially they use a consultant and they're saving \$750,000 on administrative costs. But I'm just one vote and I've beaten this horse long enough.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Gellatly.

Commissioner Gellatly asked, why don't we think about this? You know, why create — rather than try to reinvent the wheel, we say that the City of Savannah has a cost effective program, why don't we have our staff check it out and see if it would meet our needs and why don't we just copy it for nothing?

Commissioner Odell asked, may I just say one or two things? Technically, you can reduce costs on your health insurance program by one or two ways. You can change the program so that people — it's like when I do a divorce I always want the non-custodial parent to have some obligation for health insurance costs because what happens is the non-custodial parent will bankrupt — the custodial parent will bankrupt the non-custodial parent by taking a child to every specialist in the world and the fathers normally ultimately have to pay that cost. The City of Savannah changed its plan. Their plan is substantially different. We have a better plan for our employees. So if we simply copied their plan, we would be modifying — we'd save costs because we'd discourage some medical contact, but we'd also change the plan substantially and we'd have a lot of employees who would be upset. And the other way you can change the plan is through behavior modification, and the wellness program is clearly a behavior modification. That is, you cannot eat a pound cheeseburger and then drink a half a gallon of wine and go to bed and have acid reflux and we pay for the Prevacid.

Chairman Liakakis said, Russ [Abolt] and then Dean [Kicklighter].

County Manager Abolt said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Stone and gentlemen. I cannot recall in a long, long time I've ever asked for something, but I tell you frankly we need help. I'm candidly admitting to you, having gone through this once without a consultant and a second time with a consultant, that I would not feel at all at ease coming before you in a few months discussing terribly complex issues and then having to assume that the people like Mr. Kaigler and his staff can give you the answers. We just cannot. We need expert help. You have some choices here that I think will get you where you want to be. I do think we have to have that outside help to make that decision right. Absent that, we just find ourselves in a morass of confusing statements and claims and counterclaims. Our problem is going through it without a consultant you'll have proponents coming before you testifying as the outcome of cost

savings which may be totally bogus. We went though, you might remember those of you who were on the Commission, we had proponents come in and say if you went with them we'd save a million and a half dollars that first year and that would help balance the budget. It never came about. We had to freeze positions. That's the type of complexity and misdirection you can get. My suggestion would be that, number one, you would extend the contract with the current care provider for no less — our insurance company — for no less than six months and then allow staff either to go out with an RFP or approach the consultant now employed by the City of Savannah, Wachovia Consulting, or go back to Buck, but I'm asking you please we do need outside help. This is a very complex subject matter and we're not going to get there without that body of intelligence and experience.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess my question would be when we rebid health care, if and when — sorry, the mike's off — if and when we rebid health care, our insurance carrier or whatever, are we planning on continuing to keep the — what you were talking about, Commissioner Odell, the preventive type medicine as a separate bid, like the health care programs and all separate because —.

Commissioner Odell said, my desire would be that — I have not seen any canned programs, maybe Michael [Kaigler] has. We're the first people to have a written policy on wellness in Chatham County. So we're developing looking at national information with the help of a variety of people, including Dr. Bradley and our Health Department through Dr. Weems, we're a wellness program that will be state of the art. Normally state of the art means you're about to get slickered, but what mean is that our employees are going to benefit by being healthier, our premiums — not premiums, but our health care costs are going to be lower, and you have to have a detailed system to do that. I would want to see our — us to maintain control of that. There are no canned programs out there? Mr. Kaigler said, correct. Commissioner Odell said, we're developing a good program.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that was kind of my understanding is that we planned on keeping it separate, so I would like to see us remove from any future insurance discussions the wellness type programs. We need a bid on a company to provide some good insurance at the lowest possible price; forget about wellness programs, just get us some good insurance because we have a wellness program and we'll keep them separate. So, I mean — Russ, go ahead, I can tell —.

County Manager Abolt said, when y'all made the decision I will do what you tell me to. That's very easy to do and I can understand that. Where we lose it, when you say put together a bid, was the same discussion we got into before when it comes down to complexity in the extent formulary.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'm not saying that we don't need a consultant. County Manager Abolt said, we — thank you. We need outside help. Commissioner Kicklighter said, it was my understanding from previous discussions that we needed a consultant and I got kind of hung out there drying a newspaper storing it and it was full, so I think we need one. I thought it then, I think we need one now. I'm not an expert on insurance and I probably never will be, but I do want to have a clear understanding before we take a vote of what type of consultant are we — was that even in your motion, the consultant, something about a consultant, Commissioner Odell? Commissioner Odell said, Sybil [Tillman] —.

County Manager Abolt said, if I may, I don't mean to —, my understanding, sir, in listening to it and the discussions back and forth, Commissioner Odell would be moving Alternative #3, which is direct for the RFP and the concern was then how long to extend the current insurance company, and we're talking about six months or possible months, and you do have these other options which Mr. Kaigler can speak to, to short-stop the RFP process and in effect direct staff to go over to the consultant the City of Savannah uses, which is not saying the same insurance policy, that's Wachovia —. Commissioner Kicklighter said, I don't like that. County Manager Abolt said, — or we can go back to Buck Consulting in negotiating these stencils in.

Commissioner Odell said, I'd like to dash those up. I'd like to deal with the motion — are we going to do something? Is \$20,000,000 and last year — year before we were substantially less. We've got \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000 in four years —. County Manager Abolt said, lot of money. Commissioner Odell said, — we've gone from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000 in four years. Is that an amount that you as Commissioners think we need to look at? This doesn't say we're going to change it, it just says that we're going to put it under the microscope and look at it and no one will be asked to vote on a lateral move. It's in the bucks. I do this or have done this as a consultant in my private life. I can tell you, there's about two to three million dollars that can be saved here.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, my question would be, because I understand the amount of monies we're talking is a huge — it's a chunk. Can we cap — I mean, we're not living in the best of financial times and if I were an insurance expert I may take a job like this for \$100,000 instead of \$250,000. Can we put out an RFP with a cap? I mean, there's two hundred — that's just an enormous amount of money to pay —.

Commissioner Odell said, yes, but we — without going out, we can't tell what the average bid for this service will be. We do not know. That is a figure that is given us as a suggestion, but that is not a quoted bid. I think what we need to do is to vote on the motion. This is a separate motion, and that issue is how do we go about doing that? Do we want to bring in a consultant? That's a separate issue.

Mr. Kaigler said, I don't think that you need to make a decision on that today. Let us bring you back that information. I understand cost is an issue. \$250,000 was kind of the upper limit. I don't anticipate us spending that amount, but let us bring back — it will take 30 days to get it out and get some responses back, so we're looking at six days before y'all can probably vote on a consultant.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and I understand the need for the RFP part, request for proposal, but for somehow we need to encourage these people that we're not going to just throw all the money out to come in with a good price that they expect or want to get the work out. Mr. Kaigler said, yes sir.

County Manager Abolt said, if y'all would give us that direction, I will make sure that Mr. Kaigler and myself will emphasize that we need the outside help and we're not about to pay Wall Street prices for it.

Chairman Liakakis said, we need a motion on the floor. Commissioner Odell said, I've already made one, sir. There is a motion, isn't there, Sybil [Tillman]? Ms. Tillman said, there is a motion and a second. Chairman Liakakis asked, on what? Ms. Tillman said, alternative three. Commissioner Odell said, Commissioner Odell made the motion and Kicklighter seconded it.

Commissioner Odell said, I call for the question. Chairman Liakakis said, go on the board .

Mr. Kaigler said, in that motion, just as a procedural matter, we need to stipulate that — authorize staff to extend the current contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Commissioner Odell said, we've already done that. Its for six months. Chairman Liakakis said, we didn't vote on that. Commissioner Odell said, no. That was part of my motion. That was part of my motion — Option #3 and to extend for six months and then thereafter month to month. I said that.

Chairman Liakakis said, let's go on the board . Commissioner Odell said, it was not Abolt who said that. If someone must get blamed, blame me. I mean, I've got enough people who love me, so —.

The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Odell made a motion to untable Board consideration of options for management of Chatham County Employee/Retiree Health Plan. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]
- b. Commissioner Odell made a motion to extend the County's health insurance contract with the current provider Blue Cross and Blue Shield for a period of six months and month to month thereafter, if needed, and to direct staff to issue an RFP for a health plan consultant. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: ~~IX-5~~
AGENDA DATE: ~~April 24, 2009~~

AGENDA ITEM: VIII-2
AGENDA DATE: May 8, 2009

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Michael A. Kaigler, Director
Human Resources and Services

Issue:

To present the Board with options for management of Chatham County Employee/Retiree Health Plan.

Background:

Chatham County Employee/Retiree Health Plan has been administered by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Georgia (BCBSGA) since July 2002. The current contract with BCBSGA is scheduled to end on June 30, 2009. There has been some discussion as to what direction the County may wish to take in terms of providing healthcare for County employees and retirees in FY 2010. Given the current economy and projected digest growth, funding healthcare will be challenging. It is imperative that County staff ensure we are getting the most for our limited resources.

Facts and Findings:

1. Chatham County's current contract with BCBSGA is scheduled to end on June 30, 2009. The Board. The Board has several options they may wish to explore to provide management of the County's health benefits. The Board could renew for an additional year with BCBSGA; or it could contract with another firm for management of the County's health benefits.
2. BCBSGA and ACCG representatives have presented staff with health plan budget estimates for active employees and retirees. Based on their estimate, the County would need to budget \$20,018,284 for health benefits for FY 2010. This represents a \$750,000 increase over FY 2009. The preliminary projections attribute much of the increase to the retiree population. County staff has been working with our pension actuary to address the County's OPEB liability which funds healthcare for our Medicare eligible retiree population (65 and over).
3. There has been a consensus among the members of the Board to re-evaluate the current health benefit program to ensure that we are providing the best benefits possible at the most economical cost. In 2004 the County contracted with Buck Consulting to assist County staff with reviewing Chatham County Health Plan and making recommendations to the Board. Staff is recommending that the Board contract with a firm to provide health plan consulting services.
4. Staff has looked at several options to obtain a healthcare consultant to provide these services. The County could contract with Buck Consulting to provide these services. The County previously contracted with Buck Consulting at a cost of \$154,500. Staff has discussed with them the options of renewing that contract. They have indicated the current cost would range from \$200,000 to \$250,000 depending on the final scope of services.
5. Staff has had discussions with Wachovia Consulting, who has provided these services for the City of Savannah over the last five years. The City of Savannah issued an RFP last year to solicit a new contract for healthcare consulting services, and based on those responses, they renewed with Wachovia to provide consulting services. In my discussions with the City staff, they have been quite pleased with the work Wachovia has provided. The City Council approved a contract with Wachovia in the amount of \$250,000. Due to the size of our group, they are proposing to enter into a contract with Chatham County for approximately \$192,000.
6. The Board has several options to contract with a healthcare consultant. The Board could renew the contract with Buck Consulting, the Board could piggyback off the City's contract with Wachovia Consulting, or the Board could instruct staff to issue a new RFP for healthcare consulting.
7. The consultant will be asked to research the local healthcare market and help us design a plan to incorporate the wellness initiative currently being implemented by County staff. The services will include benefit re-structuring; provider renewals; pharmacy plan review and administration; and employee communication. If the Board decides to contract with Buck Consulting or Wachovia, staff will present a detailed scope and budget at the next Board meeting.

Funding:

Funding for a health plan consultant will come from the health benefits fund.

Alternatives:

1. Authorize staff to negotiate a contract with Wachovia Consulting.
2. Authorize staff to negotiate a contract with Buck Consulting.
3. Direct staff to issue an RFP for health plan consulting.
4. Provide staff with other direction.

Policy Analysis:

The Board of Commissioners, as a policy, strives to maintain the best possible healthcare program for its employees and retirees at the most economical cost. Negotiating healthcare coverage with various market providers ensures that the County has a way to assess the adequacy and costs of current and future healthcare coverage. The Board has

the right to retain or select benefits that the Board determines are in the best interest of the County or in the best interest of its employees and retirees.

Recommendation:

For Board consideration.

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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) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$55,000 FOR PROBATE COURT FILING FEES, B) TRANSFER \$50,000 FROM PANEL OF ATTORNEYS TO JUVENILE COURT ATTORNEY FEES, (2) MULTIPLE GRANT FUND: A) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$41,126 FOR A GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FLOOD MITIGATION GRANT, AND B) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$5,000 FOR AN ACCG WELLNESS GRANT.**

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

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

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, we have a motion on the floor and a second. Let's go on the board . Dean [Kicklighter], you need to vote. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, okay, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the following budget transfers and amendments: (1) General Fund M&O a) Increase revenues and expenditures \$55,000 for Probate Court filing fees, b) transfer \$50,000 from Panel of Attorneys to Juvenile Court Attorney Fees, (2) Multiple Grant Fund: a) increase revenues and expenditures \$41,126 for a Georgia Emergency Management Flood Mitigation Grant, and b) increase revenues and expenditures \$5,000 for an ACCG Wellness Grant. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

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2. **TRANSMITTAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2009/2010 RECOMMENDED BUDGET AND ESTABLISHMENT OF BUDGET WORKSHOP DATES. BUDGET BOOKS WILL BE PUT AT YOUR PLACE FRIDAY MORNING. SEE ENCLOSED STAFF REPORT. (NOTE: COPIES OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE PLACED IN ALL BRANCH LIBRARIES FOR EASY PUBLIC ACCESS.)**

Chairman Liakakis said, we have discussed this for you as the County Manager Abolt did earlier. The budget books will be put at your workplace — which they have been. You have them right here now. So —.

County Manager Abolt said, we need a motion as part of this action to set two workshops: one would be the 18th of May, which is a Monday, at ten in the morning. The subject matter will be M&O departments, and then the second one on Tuesday, the 26th, and that is at 10:00 a.m., also. That will focus on SSD.

Chairman Liakakis said, same time. Okay, we need a motion on the floor to approve these dates..

Commissioner Gellatly said, motion. Commissioner Odell said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Gellatly moved to approve transmittal of the Fiscal Year 2009/2010 recommended budget and establishment of budget workshop dates as follows: May 18, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., focusing on M&O departments, and Tuesday, May 26, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., focusing on SSD. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1
AGENDA DATE: May 8, 2009

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

ISSUE: Transmittal of the Fiscal Year 2009 / 2010 Recommended Budget and determine budget workshop dates with County departments, elected officials and consultants.

BACKGROUND: In January 2009 the Board approved the fiscal year 2009 / 2010 Budget Adoption and Millage Levy Calendar. In accordance with the calendar, the Fiscal Year 2009 / 2010 Recommended Budget is presented.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. In compliance with State law, the 2009 / 2010 Recommended Budget shows proposed budgets for all County funds, excluding trust and agency funds. The document will be on file in the Finance Department and in all area public libraries for public viewing.
2. The County Manager's message provides a narrative explanation of current and upcoming challenges as well as a list of accomplishments.
3. The Recommended Budget assumes a flat tax digest growth for both the consolidated digest (M&O) and the unincorporated area (SSD). Once firm digest numbers are received in June, the recommended budget will again be reviewed and possibly adjusted to balance against revenue streams.
4. The budget calendar currently sets a timetable for budget workshops to be held between May 11 and June 12, 2009. A specific timetable needs to be established by the Board of Commissioners. It is recommended that workshop discussions be limited to those county departments and elected officials with decision packages, cost reductions, or CIP needs.
5. A public hearing on the recommended budget will be held on May 22, 2009. The public hearing is open to comments from all citizens and external organizations.

FUNDING: N/A

POLICY ANALYSIS: The conduct of budget workshops with departments and agencies is consistent with prior year practices.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Determine budget workshop dates.
2. Postpone determination of budget workshop dates.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board set the calendar for budget workshops.

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3. THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT.

Chairman Liakakis recognized County Manager Abolt.

County Manager Abolt said, unless you want to hear it, I think you've heard it in small groups. I understand the news is not good. You'll hear more about it in the next few weeks, but I think it will be okay with me and probably with Ms. Cramer if you just receive it and move on, and also the next one Commander Harris had to go out and get bad guys, so you in effect can move onto your Calendar if you wish.

Chairman Liakakis said, alright, so —. Commissioner Shay said, we've been in this meeting long enough and it's televised that the bad guys figure out that —. Okay, I understand. County Manager Abolt said, you're correct, sir.

Commissioner Stone said, Commander Harris left a good report. County Manager Abolt said, I don't want to be dismissive with that. Yes, thank you. It's a very impressive report.

Chairman Liakakis asked, does anybody want to hear the financial since you've already been and had a lot of discussion on it? No? Okay. Let's go on then to the Action Calendar.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

The Third Quarter Financial Report was furnished to the Commissioners.

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4. CNT MONTHLY REPORT GIVEN VERBALLY BY COMMANDER HARRIS.

The Commissioners received a written report on the activities of CNT for the month of March, 2009.

[NOTE: County Manager Abolt explained in the previous item that Commander Harris had to leave to go get the "bad guys." Commissioner Shay agreed that the program is televised and the bad guys have figured out that Commander Harris should be here. Commissioner Stone stated that the report was a good report.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A monthly report for March 2009 was furnished to the Commissioners by Commander Harris.

Chatham~Savannah
Counter Narcotics Team
Monthly Report
March 2009

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. On 03-05-2009, Investigations executed a search warrant on a vehicle after conducting a short surveillance operation. This led to the seizure of several ounces of marijuana, ecstasy and crack cocaine. In addition, information was developed during interviews that led to a consent search at a residence on West Gwinnett Street. This was in reference to the residence being utilized to store stolen items from various schools in Chatham County. BOE was contacted and accompanied CNT during the search. A search of the residence produced numerous items including computers, televisions, radio's, etc. that were stolen during several of the school burglaries. BOE officers matched up serial numbers and took custody of the property. (090305112).
2. On 03-12-2009, Investigations with the assistance of CCSD K-9, ICE, and SCMPD executed a search warrant in the area of Abercorn Street after conducting a short term investigation. This was a joint investigation with ICE that led to three arrests and the seizure of approximately one ounce of powder cocaine, a 9mm firearm, and miscellaneous personal property (brand new computer, television, and printer still in the boxes). (090227165)
3. On 03-18-2009, Investigations concluded a short term investigation with the Bulloch County Drug Suppression Team by arresting three subjects for trafficking in ecstasy. Several controlled buys were conducted in Savannah with the target of investigation living in Statesboro, Georgia. Agents seized over 890 pills of ecstasy, an AR-15 assault rifle, and approximately \$5,000 in currency in which \$3,600 of it was CNT buy money that was utilized to purchase the ecstasy. (090225124)
4. On 03-24-2009, Investigations executed a search warrant at a garage apartment of Skidaway Avenue after receiving information from an informant that the occupants were growing marijuana. Agents corroborated the information and a search arrant was issued for the residence. A search of the residence revealed an elaborate indoor marijuana grow operation. Agents seized over 54 marijuana plants (in various stages), several pounds of

dried marijuana, high output lighting, timers, fertilizers, and other items used to manufacture and process marijuana. One subject was arrested and charged with manufacturing marijuana. (090310027)

5. On 03-27-2009, Investigations concluded another joint operation with ICE by arranging a buy bust operation involving several suspected Mexican males and four ounces of powder cocaine. The buy bust was successful and agents seized over four ounces powder cocaine, and arrested two subjects in reference to the investigation. Both subjects were found to be in the United States illegally and were processed by ICE and charged with trafficking in cocaine by CNT. In addition, agents seized over \$1,750 in currency and a vehicle used in the transaction. (090227165)

UNDERCOVER AGENT / CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT BUYS	
Buys	Number
Undercover (Agent) Buys	9
Confidential Informant Buys	38

SHORT – LONG TERM NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS*	
Investigations	Number
Investigations Initiated During the month	21
Active Joint Investigations with other agencies (DEA, AFT, IRS, etc.)	8
Total Number of Investigations Cleared (Arrest, E.C., Unfounded)	10

* Not including on-view arrests

DRUGS SEIZED			
Drug Type	Value	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	290.30Grams	\$29,030.00
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	94.80Grams	\$9,480.00
Methamphetamine	\$100 per gram**	0	0
Marijuana	\$140 per ounce*	2,118 Ounces	\$296,520.00
Heroin	\$250 per gram*	N/A	N/A
Ecstasy	\$25 Dosage Unit	386 D/U	\$9,650.00
Misc. Pills	\$5 per D/U****	428 D/U	\$2,140.00

* 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

****Minimum amount of local rate for Prescription Pills

DRUGS PURCHASED			
Drug Type	Value	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	72.00 Grams	\$7,200.00
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	57.30 Grams	\$5,730.00
Methamphetamine	\$100 per gram**	0	0

Marijuana	\$140 per ounce*	64.70 Grams	\$320.00
Heroin	\$250 per gram*	N/A	N/A
Ecstasy	\$25 Dosage Unit	1,413.00 D/U	\$35,325.00
Misc. Pills	\$5 per D/U****	422 D/U	\$2,110.00

* 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

****Minimum amount of local rate for Prescription Pills

WEAPONS SEIZED	
Firearms (including hand guns and long guns)	11

PERSONS ARRESTED*	
Felony	21
Sales/Trafficking	16
Misdemeanor	2
Drug**	7
Total Arrests	46

*Felony includes Manufacturing Methamphetamine or Marijuana

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

ASSET FORFEITURES	
US Currency Seized (Initiated forfeiture proceedings)	\$26,341.00
US Currency Awarded	\$36,579.00
Motor Vehicles Seized (Initiated forfeiture proceedings)	1999 Chevrolet Corvette
Motor Vehicles Awarded	2004 Nissan Frontier
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
03/05/09	SCMPD Precinct 2	Possession Marijuana W/Intent
03/17/09	SCMPD Precinct 2	Possession Controlled Substance/Ecstasy
03/31/09	SCMPD Precinct 2	Possession W/Intent, Ecstasy

DRUG COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED

Drug Complaints	Received	Assigned
Project Log/Official Complaints	2	2
Hot Line / Call-In Complaints	20	18
Green Sheets/ Outside Agencies	8	8
Crime Stopper Complaints	32	29

DRUG INVESTIGATION

HOURS WORKED BY ZONE

SCMPD – West Chatham Precinct	480
SCMPD – Downtown Precinct	317
SCMPD – Central Precinct	615
SCMPD – Central Precinct/Neighborhood Task Force	620
SCMPD – Southside Precinct	159
<u>SCMPD – Islands Precinct</u>	<u>206</u>
TOTAL	2397
Garden City	90
Port Wentworth	5
Bloomington	0
Pooler	72
Thunderbolt	2
<u>Tybee Island</u>	<u>16</u>
TOTAL	185
Out of County (Task Force Operations, etc.)	65
Assistance Rendered to Outside Agencies	33
St. Patrick’s Festival	222
Training	276
<u>Court Hours</u>	<u>106</u>
TOTAL	702
Total Hours Worked	3262

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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.)

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, you already have by action put on the Action Calendar the Byrne Grant you’ve already explained. So if the motion on the Action Calendar is all inclusive, that would include approval of submission of the Byrne Grant.

Chairman Liakakis said, so we'll add that Byrne Grant as Item X under —. County Manager Abolt said, you've already made the motion to put it on the Action Calendar. I'm just reminding you for the purpose of the record that when you adopt the calendar, that will be part of the calendar.

Chairman Liakakis said, yes, and it will be — instead of going under —, we have Items 1 through 8 and items now on there under 8, Items A through V, the Byrne Grant we can add that as Item X on their also for that Byrne Grant.

The Clerk asked that it be added as Item 9. Chairman Liakakis said, excuse me. The Clerk said, add it as Item 9.

Commissioner Shay said, Sybil [Tillman] says Item 9, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Liakakis said, 9. Commissioner Shay said, she just gave it a number instead of a letter. Chairman Liakakis said, oh, okay, Item 9.

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we adopt the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 9. Commissioner Stone said, second. Commissioner Odell said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, all in favor, let's go on the board . How are you voting, Dean [Kicklighter]? Are you voting for this? Do you want him to vote on it for you. That's the Action Calendar. Okay. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Thomas was not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, there's \$4,000,000 for the Aquatic Center in there.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay made a motion to approve Action Calendar Items 1 through 9, all inclusive. Commissioners Stone and Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

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

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1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 24, 2009, AS MAILED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 24, 2009, as mailed. Commissioners Stone and Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 16, 2009 THROUGH APRIL 29, 2009.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against Chatham County for the period April 16, 2009, through April 29, 2009, in the amount of \$4,049.008. Commissioners Stone and Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

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3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS TO WIDEN STATE ROUTE 307 (DEAN FOREST ROAD) BETWEEN INTERSTATE 16 AND U.S. 17.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to approve an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Garden City to provide engineering and construction services on a reimbursable basis to widen State Route 307 (Dean Forest Road) between

Interstate 16 and U.S. 17. Commissioners Stone and Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-3
AGENDA DATE: May 8, 2009

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

ISSUE: To approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Garden City to provide engineering and construction services on a reimbursable basis to widen State Route 307 (Dean Forest Road) between Interstate 16 and U.S. 17.

BACKGROUND: The 2003-2008 SPLOST and the Coastal Region (CORE) Transportation Improvement Plan include a project to widen Dean Forest Road (S.R. 307) between I-16 and U.S. 17. In the meantime, Garden City is constructing a new town center on Dean Forest Road. The Concept Report for this project is pending approval by the GDOT. Concurrently, the County is proceeding with a project to construct new crossings for the Hardin Canal under Dean Forest Road.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The City of Garden City engaged the consulting engineering services of HGB&D for their "Town Center" which includes roadway and utility infrastructure. The County has an engineering services contract with Thomas & Hutton Engineering for the Hardin Canal project and the roadway widening. Garden City will continue to be contracting for construction services for the Town Center.
2. There are opportunities [to fast-track construction work, to avoid duplication of effort, to facilitate permitting and to save money] for Garden City to do work that will also be needed to widen Dean Forest Road. The project will be wholly within the City of Garden City.
3. Garden City intends to donate the right of way needed for the widening along the Town Center.
4. Joint coordination with the Georgia Department of Transportation is already underway. Staff will be coordinating efforts for joint applications for State Aid contracts. Also in progress is joint coordination with utility agencies to facilitate the relocating utilities one time.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To consider an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Garden City to provide engineering and construction services on a reimbursable basis to widen State Route 307 (Dean Forest Road) between Interstate-16 and U.S. 17.
2. To not approve the Agreement.

FUNDING: No funds are needed to approve this Intergovernmental Agreement. Funds are available in an amount up to \$3,000,000 in the 2003-2008 SPLOST, Widen Dean Forest Road (Fund/Dept. 3234250, Project # 32351057 and #32351053).

POLICY ANALYSIS: The Board must approve intergovernmental agreements.

RECOMMENDATION: To approve Alternative 1.

District 7

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4. REQUEST FROM HUSSEY, GAY, BELL AND DEYOUNG, ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, COMMODORE CHASE, LLC, FOR THE COUNTY TO END THE TWELVE-

MONTH WARRANTY PERIOD, ACCEPT THE DEDICATED IMPROVEMENTS AND RELEASE THE FINANCIAL GUARANTEE FOR COMMODORE CHASE. [DISTRICT 1.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to approve the request from Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung, engineer for the developer, Commodore Chase, LLC, for the County to end the 12-month warranty period, accept the dedicated improvements and release the financial guarantee for Commodore Chase. Commissioners Stone and Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4
AGENDA DATE: May 8, 2009

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

ISSUE: To end the twelve-month warranty period, accept the dedicated improvements and release the financial guarantee for Commodore Chase.

BACKGROUND: The engineer, Hussey, Gay, Bell and DeYoung, for the developer, Commodore Chase, LLC., requests that the County end the twelve-month warranty period, accept the dedicated improvements and release the financial guarantee for Commodore Chase.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Commodore Chase is a 9 lot subdivision on Whitemarsh Island. The water service has been accepted by Commodore Point Water Works, Inc. Lots utilize advanced treatment septic tanks for sanitary sewer. Paving and drainage improvements will be maintained by Chatham County upon acceptance.
2. The required site improvements are complete. They have been inspected and found to be without fault.
3. At the end of the twelve-month warranty period, Chatham County will be responsible for energy and maintenance costs associated with the streetlights in this subdivision.
4. The developer submitted a letter of credit from SunTrust Bank in the amount of \$84,066. Upon acceptance, the letter of credit will be released and returned to the developer.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To end the twelve-month warranty period, accept the dedicated improvements and release the financial guarantee for Commodore Chase.
- 2.. Do not approve the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS: This action is consistent with the subdivision regulations regarding initiating the warranty period and reducing the financial guarantee.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commissioners adopt Alternative No. 1.

District 1

PREPARED BY: Nathaniel Panther

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5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE THE APPROPRIATION OF CONFISCATED FUNDS FOR CNT TO PAY THE BACK TAXES ON TWO PROPERTIES THAT WERE AWARDED TO THE COUNTER NARCOTICS TEAM.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to approve the appropriation of Confiscated Funds for CNT to pay the back taxes on two properties, located at 1109 and 1111 Cornwall Street in the total amount of \$3,991.24, that were awarded to the Counter Narcotics Team. Commissioners Stone and Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-5
AGENDA DATE: May 8, 2009

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Roy Harris, Commander
Counter Narcotics Team
DATE: May 5, 2009

ISSUE:

To request appropriation of Confiscated Funds for the CNT.

BACKGROUND:

Confiscated Funds have been awarded to CNT for appropriate drug law enforcement use and are herein identified.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

The Counter Narcotics Team was awarded two properties, 1109 and 1111 Cornwall St. CNT needs to pay the back taxes on said properties. For 1109 Cornwall St – 2007 - \$580.10, 2008 - \$469.99. For 1111 Cornwall St. – 2007 - \$1,211.97, 2008 - \$1,729.18. Total: \$3,991.24

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Approve the request and authorize the appropriation of \$3,991.24.
- 2. Deny or modify the request.

FUNDING:

Funds are available from CNT Confiscated Funds.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board of Commissioners established a policy for the use of Confiscated Funds at their meeting October 4, 1986. The requested use is consistent with the policy.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative #1.

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6. REQUEST FOR NEW WINE POURING LICENSE FOR 2009. PETITIONER: MARIE NGUYEN, D/B/A SNAZZY NAIL BAR, LOCATED AT 50 BERWICK BOULEVARD, SUITE 350. [DISTRICT 7.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to approve the petition of Marie Nguyen, d/b/a Snazzy Nail Bar, located at 50 Berwick Boulevard, Suite 350, for a new wine pouring license for 2009. Commissioners Stone and Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-6
AGENDA DATE: May 8, 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 approval of new wine pouring license for 2009, Marie Nguyen d/b/a Snazzy Nail Bar located at 50 Berwick Blvd, Suite 350, Savannah, GA 31419.

BACKGROUND

Ms. Nguyen requests approval for new wine pouring license in connection with a new nail salon. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.

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 and approved the facility.
3. This application is in compliance with all requirements.
4. The applicant has been notified of the hearing date and time.

RECOMMENDATION

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

District 7

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Assistant Chief Willie Lovett

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7. REQUEST FOR NEW BEER AND WINE POURING LICENSE AND SUNDAY SALES OF BEER AND WINE POURING LICENSE FOR 2009. PETITIONER: KENNETH W. KARDASH, D/B/A KEN & CANDI'S BAR-B-Q, LOCATED AT 4395 OGEECHEE ROAD. [DISTRICT 8.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to approve the petition of Kenneth W. Kardash, d/b/a Ken & Candi's Bar-B-Q, located at 4395 Ogeechee Road, for a new beer and wine pouring license and Sunday sales of beer and wine pouring license for 2009. Commissioners Stone and Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-6
AGENDA DATE: May 8, 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
MICHAEL BERKOW

ISSUE

Request for approval of new beer, wine pouring license and Sunday sales of beer and wine pouring license for 2009, Kenneth W. Kardash d/b/a Ken & Candi's Bar-B-Q located at 4395 Ogeechee Road, Savannah, GA 31405.

BACKGROUND

Mr. Kardash requests approval for new beer and wine pouring license and Sunday sales of beer and wine pouring license in connection with a new restaurant. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.

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 and approved the facility.
3. This application is in compliance with all requirements.
4. The applicant has been notified of the hearing date and time.

RECOMMENDATION

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

District 8

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Assistant Chief Willie Lovett

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

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
A. Annual renewal of hardware and software support	I.C.S.	Entre Solutions (MBE)	\$60,282	General Fund/ M&O - I.C.S.
B. Annual renewal of software support	I.C.S.	Zortec International Corp	\$10,000	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
C. Seven (7) Motorola digital portable radios	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Motorola Communications (GSA Schedule 70 Contract)	\$20,924	CIP - I.C.S.
D. Annual renewal of software support and updates	I.C.S.	Technology Integration Group	\$11,035	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
E. Three (3) Spectra Logic tape drive and one (1) fibre channel	I.C.S.	Veristor Systems, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$23,451	General Fund/M&O - Communications
F. Annual renewal of software support and updates	I.C.S.	Palmetto Microfilm	\$12,500	General Fund/M&O - Communications
G. Assist staff with the successful deployment of software	I.C.S.	Abel Solutions Deployment Planning Services	\$12,860	General Fund/M&O - Communications

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
H. Two (2) servers	Engineering	Dell Marketing (State Contract)	\$10,823	•SPLOST (1998-2003) - Administrative Expenditures - Drainage •SPLOST (1998-2003) - Administrative Expenditures - Roads
I. Firewall software	I.C.S.	Entre Solutions (MBE)	\$10,866	General Fund/M&O - Communications
J. Renewal of property insurance for various Tybee Island locations	Finance	Arch Specialty Insurance Company	\$29,016	Risk Management Fund
K. Contract to construct intersection improvements at Johnny Mercer Blvd., Bryan Woods Road and M.L. Owens Road (private)	Engineering	A.D. Williams Construction Company, Inc.	\$118,335	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Unincorporated Roads, Intersection Improvements
L. Annual price agreement to purchase on an "as needed funds available" basis Model year 2009 F250 pickup trucks and Model year 2009 F350 pickup trucks	Fleet Operations	J.C. Lewis Ford	•2009 F250 \$21,873 •2009 F350 \$23,171	•CIP - Vehicle Replacement •General Fund/M&O - Various •SSD - Various •SPLOST (2003-2008) - Vehicle Replacement •Water and Sewer •Solid Waste
M. Annual price agreement to provide various types of high volume printing requirement for the various departments	Purchasing and Contracting	•VIP Office Furniture (WBE) •Wynn Business Systems, Inc.	Varies by item	•General Fund/M&O - Various •SSD - Various •Water and Sewer •Solid Waste
N. Two (2) in car camera systems	Sheriff	West Chatham Warning Devices	\$12,550	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff
O. Simulator weapons	Sheriff	Meggitt Training System, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$11,475	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff
P. 40 Glock weapons	Sheriff	Ed's Public Safety	\$14,280	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff
Q. Two (2) 52" cut lawn mowers	Public Works and Park Services	Andy's Lawn Machinery	\$13,194	SSD - Public Works
R. Change Order No. 1 to the contract for the Chevis Canal at Hodges Airpark drainage project to replace the existing culvert pipe and extend the contract completion time by four (4) weeks	Engineering	L-J, Inc.	\$34,900	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Chevis Canal/Airpark Project
S. Change Order No. 2 to the construction contract for the Dundee Canal drainage project for additional work and to extend the contract by 42 days	Engineering	L-J, Inc.	\$49,375	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Dundee Canal drainage project
T. One (1) 2009 Ford Hybrid Escape	Child Support	J. C. Lewis Ford	\$28,970	•Child Support Enforcement •CIP - Vehicle Replacement
U. One (1) replacement bucket, swivel coupler and assembly for Link Belt excavator	Public Works and Park Services	ASC Construction Equipment	\$11,765	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operation

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
V. Contract for the repair and replacement of guardrails at various locations within the County	Public Works and Park Services	Leon Fence and Guardrail (MBE)	\$40,300	CIP - Public Works and Park Services

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve Items 8-A through 8-V, both inclusive. Commissioners Stone and Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM : X-8 A thru V
AGENDA DATE: May 8, 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 the \$60,282 annual renewal for Cisco Smartnet maintenance and support for all hardware and software for the Cisco network equipment from Entre Solutions for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: The entire county network operates on a Cisco Network and this support is essential to ensure functioning network operations. This maintenance provides hardware and software support, upgrades and replacements for one year for our Cisco equipment. It is supplied directly from Cisco but through Entre Solutions, a local authorised Cisco Partner. This contract provides 24/7 tech support 365 days a year. It gives advance hardware replacement for any equipment 24/7, advanced software configuration, interoperability and upgrade questions via tech support and hardware and software information.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The price offered by Entre Solutions, a local MBE firm, is lower than the pricing offered on the State of Georgia contract.
2. Staff believes the total cost of \$60,282 for all the Cisco equipment to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$60,282 annual renewal for Cisco Smartnet maintenance and support for all hardware and software for the Cisco network equipment from Entre Solutions for I.C.S.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award the purchase of the necessary computer system support for hardware and software for the using departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
 LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
 GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$10,000 renewal for System Z software support and updates from Zortec International Corp. for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: System Z software has been in use by the numerous County offices for many years. The use of the County's Judicial Information Management System (JIMS) is written in System Z format and is the application that all the courts use.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. System Z support has not increased over the years. It has remained \$10,000.
2. I.C.S. programmers, system analysts and support staff are knowledgeable in System Z application support and programming.
3. System Z is a legacy application system used by numerous departments and is proprietary with has many custom defined features within the programming by department.
4. Staff believes the renewal cost of this software and maintenance agreement to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$10,000 renewal for System Z software support and updates from Zortec International Corp. for I.C.S.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of the necessary maintenance support software for the using departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$ 20,924 purchase of seven (7) Motorola digital portable radios, off the GSA Schedule 70 Homeland Security Contract, from Motorola Communications for the Facilities Maintenance and Operations Department.

BACKGROUND: The Board adopted the FY08/09 budget 27 June 2008. Included in the budget, in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) was the procurement of digital radios.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. In 2012, the current analog radios used by many County departments will not be usable on the county's Public Safety Radio System.
2. The I.C.S. department requested the Board to budget \$350,000 per year for three (3) years to replace the County's analog radios. The Board concurred and the funding is in the CIP budget.
3. Included in this purchase is seven (7) digital portable radios with accessories. These radios will be used by the Facilities Maintenance and Operations staff. They have some of the oldest radios and are in constant need of repair.
4. The purchase is off the GSA Schedule 70 Homeland Security Contract with Motorola Communications. Staff believes the total cost of \$20,924 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - I.C.S. Digital Radio Equipment
(3501537 - 54.25001 - 35030918)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$ 20,924 purchase of seven (7) Motorola digital portable radios, off the GSA Schedule 70 Homeland Security Contract, from Motorola Communications for the Facilities Maintenance and Operations Department.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases for the necessary communications equipment 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 \$11,035 renewal of McAfee Virus Protection and Anti-Spyware software, support and updates for county computers from Technology Integration Group, formerly Entre Business Technology Group for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: McAfee Virus Protection and Anti-Spyware helps I.C.S. meet the challenge of enterprise security head on. These solutions provide proactive threat protection tailored to the needs of our organization. Each is managed by ePolicy Orchestrator, which helps to streamline our entire security process, from updating to reporting.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Today's blended threats can disrupt networks and put corporate assets at risk. Compliance requirements are forcing organizations to boost security and enforce policies more stringently.
2. McAfee Active VirusScan protects Chatham County desktops and file servers with advanced anti-virus technology. McAfee ePolicy Orchestrator provides centralized management and reporting. Active VirusScan scans client-level e-mail, FTP access, and Web connections for comprehensive anti-virus coverage.
3. McAfee AntiSpyware Enterprise uses unique on-access scanning to identify, proactively block, and safely eliminate spyware and other potentially unwanted programs.
4. Staff believes the total cost of \$11,035 for the McAfee Virus Protection and Anti-Spyware software is fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of \$11,035 renewal of McAfee Virus Protection and Anti-Spyware software, support and updates for county computers from Technology Integration Group, formerly Entre Business Technology Group for I.C.S.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases to support necessary software for the using departments. Virus Protection is needed for the safety of the county network.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$23,451 sole source purchase of three (3) Spectra Logic tape drives and one (1) F-QIP Fibre Channel from Veristor Systems, Inc. for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: Veristor Systems Inc. has provided support of the County's primary tape backup library. It is in place to guarantee hardware and software replacements and upgrades as well as telephone support during critical failures.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Veristor Systems, of Duluth, GA, is the only company permitted to make changes or updates to their proprietary software and hardware, thereby qualifying these agreements to fall under a sole source procurement.
2. These drives replace older backup drives and the older drives will be traded in to Veristor Systems. Veristor Systems is giving the County a \$1,500 trade in.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$23,451 for the Spectralogic tape drives and Fibre Channel to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$23,451 sole source purchase of three (3) Spectra Logic tape drives and one (1) F-QIP Fibre Channel from Veristor Systems, Inc. for I.C.S.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases for necessary hardware for the using departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$12,500 sole source purchase of software upgrades and maintenance to Palmetto Microfilm, LLC for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: This upgrade is for the Application Extender software, WebExtender, ScanExtender, Data Manager, Work Flow bundle and Work Flow Server. This software is used within the County to provide the capability to scan documents into the document imaging system. Palmetto Microfilm also provides support for moving Application Extender to the county's Active Directory.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Chatham County I.C.S. has purchased all Application Extender, or AX licenses from Palmetto Microfilm. I.C.S. recommends all departments using the document imaging application use the AX software as a standard and upgrades as required.
2. Staff believes the total cost of \$12,500 for all software upgrades and maintenance to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$12,500 sole source purchase of software upgrades and maintenance to Palmetto Microfilm, LLC for I.C.S.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of the necessary support for software and upgrades for the using departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$12,860 contract with Abel Solutions Deployment Planning Services to assist I.C.S. staff with the successful deployment of Sharepoint CAL Software.

BACKGROUND: Abel Solutions is one of Atlanta's most tenured providers of SharePoint consulting services. This deployment planning service will help I.C.S. staff determine the correct steps to be taken to install and configure SharePoint. Abel Solutions has worked with other Government entities successfully with their SharePoint deployment.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This deployment planning service is needed to ensure successful installation and configuration of SharePoint with consideration for future growth and adoption by other departments. SharePoint is a highly-customizable platform.
2. Abel Solutions quoted staff a total cost of \$12,860 for eight (8) days of onsite consultation services which includes their standard rate of \$1,280 per day and includes related expenses.
3. I.C.S. believes this deployment planning service cost to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$12,860 contract with Abel Solutions Deployment Planning Services to assist I.C.S. staff with the successful deployment of Sharepoint CAL Software.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the necessary assistance and support needed by technical staff with deployment of new projects.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$10,823 purchase of two (2) PowerEdge Servers, off the State of Georgia contract, from Dell Marketing for Engineering.

BACKGROUND: These servers are needed to host the SharePoint application software. SharePoint allows users to connect, collaborate and share information and will help eliminate unnecessary paperwork from one office to another.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. As a part of the recent Records Management Pilot Project, the two (2) departments, I.C.S. and Engineering evaluated MicroSoft SharePoint. The Engineering Department was pleased with the SharePoint application and decided to purchase. These client access licenses are for the first phase of I.C.S.'s rollout of SharePoint which builds on the Engineering Department's successful pilot.
2. I.C.S. aims to use SharePoint to streamline its processes by enabling collaboration among team members and reducing the amount of paper used to: submit purchase requisitions, manage internal leave requests, scheduling, submit travel reimbursements, etc.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$10,823 for the two (2) servers be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: SPLOST - Administrative Expenditures - Drainage
(3224250 - 57.30101 - 32289032)
SPLOST - Administrative Expenditures - Roads
(3224210 - 54.25001 - 32259032)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$10,823 purchase of two (2) PowerEdge Servers, off the State of Georgia contract, from Dell Marketing for Engineering.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the necessary purchase of hardware for the using departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM I

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$10,866 purchase for Barracuda Web Firewall software application from Entre Solutions, a MBE firm, for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: The Barracuda Web Firewall Application is a complete and powerful security solution that provides protection against hackers leveraging protocol or application vulnerabilities to instigate data theft, denial of service or defacement of your Web site.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This Web Firewall Application system is both hardware model 360 and software with a three (3) year Energizer Subscription of updates and a three (3) year replacement warranty on the hardware.
2. This system protects Web applications and Web services from malicious attacks, and can also increase the performance and scalability of these applications.
3. This product also offers every capability needed to deliver, secure and manage enterprise Web applications from a single appliance through an intuitive, real-time user interface.
4. Entre Solutions, Savannah, GA, a MBE firm, quoted staff a total cost of \$10,866. Staff believes the this for the computer software application to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$10,866 purchase for Barracuda Web Firewall Application from Entre Solutions, a MBE firm, for the I.C.S. Department.

2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase for the necessary hardware and software for the using departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM J

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the renewals of the property insurance for various Tybee Island locations for a total cost of \$29,016 with Arch Specialty Insurance Company for the Finance Department.

BACKGROUND: The Tybee Island Library, Pavilion, and various communication equipment located at Fort and Second Streets are considered higher risk than other County property due to their susceptibility to wind and wave damage. Based on the higher risk exposure, these properties are not eligible for coverage under the blanket property and contents policies issued through Travelers, Cincinnati and Hartford Insurance Companies. All insurers consider the Tybee Pier uninsurable based on its very high risk exposure over tidewater.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The existing carrier, Arch Specialty Insurance Company, is the only company that provided a quotation. Due to the high wind exposure, Westfield, Cincinnati, Travelers, and Zurich Insurance Companies declined to provide a quotation.
2. As of October 8, 2008, Arch Specialty Insurance Company has an A.M. Best rating of (A), (XV) which is considered strong with over \$2 Billion in policyholder surplus.
3. Arch Specialty Insurance is a non-admitted carrier and all premiums are subject to a 4% surplus lines tax.
4. The renewal premium for the period of 3 May 2009 – 2010 is \$29,016 including property and surplus lines tax. Terrorism coverage is not recommended. (See attached page 26 for property breakdown)
5. The renewal quote remains unchanged from the prior coverage period.
6. As stated in the attached letter (see pages 27-28), Wells Fargo/Wachovia is requesting the County sign the acknowledgment letter recognizing that if Arch Specialty Insurance becomes insolvent, the Georgia Insolvency Fund will **not** cover any claims, and insurance rates provided by non-admitted carriers are not regulated by the State Insurance Commissioner.

FUNDING: Risk Management Fund
(6259922 - 52.31021)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the renewals of the property insurance for various Tybee Island locations for a total cost of \$29,016 with Arch Specialty Insurance Company for the Finance Department.
2. Cancel coverage and assume risk of loss.
3. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: Total insurable values of \$2,743,310 exceed the total net assets in the Catastrophic Claims Internal Service Fund as of 30 June 2008.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM K

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a construction contract in the amount of \$118,335 to A.D. Williams Construction Company, Inc. to construct intersection improvements at Johnny Mercer Boulevard, Bryan Woods Road and M.L. Owens Road (private).

BACKGROUND: The project involves demolition, grading and paving improvements to complete geometric upgrades and to upgrade the traffic signal for the intersection of Johnny Mercer Boulevard, Bryan Woods Road and M.L. Owens Road.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This project was properly advertized and five (5) bids were received and opened 22 April 2009. The bid results are as follows:

A.D. Williams Construction Co., Inc. Savannah, GA	\$118,335
Griffin Contracting, Inc. Pooler, GA	\$146,975
** E&D Contracting Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$157,880
Terry R. Lee Contracting/Bryco, Inc. Hardeeville, SC	\$158,284
* Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc. Hardeeville, SC	\$200,500

* MBE firm
** WBE firm

2. Staff believes the bid from A.D. Williams Construction Company, Inc. to be fair and reasonable and within the project cost estimate.
3. The project is expected to be completed within 100 days after issuing the Notice To Proceed.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003 - 2008) - Unincorporated Roads, Intersection Improvements
(3234220 - 52.12003 - 32355597)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a construction contract in the amount of \$118,335 to A.D. Williams Construction Company, Inc. to construct intersection improvements at Johnny Mercer Boulevard, Bryan Woods Road and M.L. Owens Road (private).
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 approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM L

ISSUE: Request Board approval of an Annual Price Agreement to purchase on an "as needed funds available" basis, model year 2009 F250 - 3/4 Ton Trucks for a not to exceed base price of \$21,873 and 2009 F350 - One Ton Truck for a not to exceed base price of \$23,171 from J. C. Lewis Ford, Savannah, GA.

BACKGROUND: Each year staff develops and solicits competitive bids for this annual requirement for the current model year.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Bids were publicly advertised, mailed to seven (7) prospective bidders, and opened 3 April 2009. The following three (3) bidders responded:

	<u>2009 F250</u>	<u>2009 F350</u>
Legacy Ford McDonough, GA	\$21,873	\$23,171
J.C. Lewis Ford Savannah, GA	\$21,897	\$23,258
Allan Vigil Ford Morrow, GA	\$23,992	\$23,488

2. On 27 March 1998, the Board approved a “local preference” policy which, when a firm from outside Chatham County submits the “absolute low bid, allows the lowest bidding Chatham County firm to match the “absolute low” bid. If the local firm does match the “absolute low” bid, the local firm is awarded the purchase. As indicated above, a non-Chatham County firm offered the “absolute low” bid. The Chatham County firm was asked if they would match the outside firm’s bid. J.C. Lewis Ford has agreed to match the “absolute low” bid.
3. Staff believes this price is fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - Vehicle Replacement
 General Fund/M & O - Various
 SSD - Various
 SPLOST (2003-2008) - Vehicle Replacement
 Water & Sewer
 Solid Waste

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of an Annual Price Agreement to purchase on an “as needed funds available” basis, model year 2009 F250 - 3/4 Ton Trucks for a not to exceed base price of \$21,873 and 2009 F350 - One Ton Truck for a not to exceed base price of \$23,171 from J.C. Lewis Ford, Savannah, GA.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve annual price agreements for the purchase of vehicles for the using departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
 READ DEHAVEN

ITEM M

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award an annual price agreement to VIP Office Furniture and Supply and Wynn Business Systems, Inc., to provide various types of high volume printing requirements for the departments and agencies of Chatham County.

BACKGROUND: During the course of a year, request for a variety of printing services are processed. Highest demand is for envelopes, multi-part forms, and letterhead, which are included in the recommendation for contract award.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Pricing for 11 categories of printing with various quantities for each category, resulting in the solicitation of 53 individual prices. Please see attached itemized list (pages 29-32) which delineates each item and unit cost offered by each bidder.

2. Quotes were solicited from seven (7) prospective bidders, which included one (1) WBE firm. The following firms submitted pricing:
- ** VIP Office Furniture and Supply
Savannah, GA
- Wynn Business Systems, Inc.
Savannah, GA
- The Print Shop
Savannah, GA
- Lewis Color
Statesboro, GA
- ** Female Owned Business Enterprise (FBE)
3. The overall low responsive bidder on the printing of various type envelopes (with the exception of the “blue by hand” envelopes) is VIP Office Furniture and Supply. The overall low responsive bidder on the printing of various forms and the “blue by hand” envelopes is Wynn Business Systems, Inc.
4. Staff recommends VIP Office Furniture for the contract for the printing of envelopes with the exception of the “blue by hand” and Wynn Business Systems, Inc., for the printing of forms and the “blue by hand” envelopes. Staff believes the cost of the various items to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Various Departments
SSD - Various Departments
Water and Sewer
Solid Waste

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval to award an annual price agreement to VIP Office Furniture and Supply and Wynn Business Systems, Inc., to provide various types of high volume printing requirements for the departments and agencies of Chatham County.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM N

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$12,550 purchase of two (2) in-car camera systems from West Chatham Warning Devices, Savannah, GA., for the Chatham County Sheriff's Department.

BACKGROUND: This equipment provides verifiable evidence of the interaction between the officer and citizen. The camera system is an invaluable tool for liability issues or for use as evidence in further judicial proceedings.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Request for Quotes were solicited and received from the following vendors;

West Chatham Warning Devices Savannah, GA	\$ 12,550
ICOP Lenexa, KS	\$ 13,009

RF Services, Inc. \$ 13,110
Dallas, GA

- Staff believes the total cost of \$12,550 for the purchase of the camera systems to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

- Board approval of the \$12,550 purchase of two (2) in-car camera systems from West Chatham Warning Devices, Savannah, GA., for the Chatham County Sheriff's Department.
- Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve expenditures for necessary training in the area of law enforcement.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM O

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$11,475 sole source purchase of simulator weapons from Meggitt Training System, Inc., Suwanee, GA, for the Chatham County Sheriff's Department.

BACKGROUND: The City of Savannah has purchased a Fire Arms Training Simulator, referred to as (FATS) and has placed it at the training facility.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- The simulator weapons, a Glock handgun and a Remington shotgun will be used with a Fire Arms Training Simulator (FATS). These weapons are being sold to us directly from the manufacturer.
- The City of Savannah has offered the use of the Simulator to the Sheriff's Department. The purchase of the weapons are necessary to allow training compatibility with the department's issued weapons.
- Staff believes the total cost of \$11,475 for the purchase of the weapons to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

- Board approval of the \$11,475 sole source purchase of simulator weapons from Meggitt Training System, Inc., Suwanee, GA, for the Chatham County Sheriff's Department.
- Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve expenditures for the necessary training in the area of law enforcement.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM P

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$14,280 purchase of 40 Glock weapons from Ed's Public Safety of Stockbridge GA, for the Sheriff's Department.

BACKGROUND: This is a continuation of a multi-year conversion from Smith & Wesson to Glock weapons. The Glock's are more economical with a lower purchase price and lower repair costs. This purchase will allow for the conversion of weapons for those deputies assigned to the Court Services Division.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Request for Quotes were solicited and received from the following vendors;

Ed's Public Safety Stockbridge, GA	\$ 14,280
OMB Guns Lenexa, KS	\$ 14,280
Smyrna Police Distributers, Inc. Smyrna, GA	\$ 14,520
2. Staff believes the total cost of \$14,280 for the purchase of the weapons to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M & O - Sheriff Department
(1003300 - 53.17009)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$14,280 purchase of 40 Glock weapons from Ed's Public Safety of Stockbridge GA, for the Sheriff's Department.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve replacement weapons for law enforcement.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM Q

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$13,194 purchase of two (2) 52" cut, Ex-Mark, Model LHP23KC523, 23 HP Kohler lawn mowers with chute kits from Andy's Lawn Machinery for Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: The Public Works Road Maintenance Section needs to replace two (2) existing lawn mowers that are worn out beyond economic repair. These lawn mowers are used as part of the median maintenance program.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Replacement is needed for two (2) lawn mowers in the Road Maintenance Section of Public Works. The current mowers are six (6) years old and are frequently used during growing season. Since the mowers are used in the median maintenance program they are required to be industrial models.
2. Staff obtained pricing from three (3) vendors and responses are as follows:

Andy's Lawn Machinery Savannah, GA	\$13,194
Lawnmower Store Savannah, GA	\$13,196
Hendrix Machinery Savannah, GA	\$16,700

3. Staff believes the price quoted by Andy's Lawn Machinery to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: SSD - Public Works
(2704100 - 54.25001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$13,194 purchase of two (2) 52" cut, Ex-Mark, Model LHP23KC523, 23 HP Kohler lawn mowers with chute kits from Andy's Lawn Machinery for Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of replacement equipment for the using department.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM R

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order 1, in the amount of \$34,900, to the contract with L-J, Inc. for the Chevis Canal at Hodges Airpark Drainage, to replace the existing culvert pipe and the cost of associated work, and to extend the contract completion time by four (4) weeks.

BACKGROUND: The Board approved at their 13 February 2009 meeting, a contract for the Chevis Canal at Hodges Airpark Drainage project. This project is a part of the Ogeechee Farms Drainage Improvement project approved for funding under the 2003-2008 SPLOST.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Construction of the project is underway. Scheduled completion is July 2009.
2. The Contract includes estimated quantities of materials to be incorporated into the work.
3. Based on the visible observation during preparation of the contract documents, it was determined that the existing culvert pipe was in relatively good condition. The Contract therefore was based on using the existing pipe in place. During excavation to install the new culvert pipe, portions of the existing pipe were exposed revealing failed pipe joints and associated loss of soil materials.
4. Repair of the failed pipe joints vs. complete replacement was considered by staff. Staff estimates that repairs would cost considerably less but would result with a shorter useful life due the age of the pipe. Since the contractor is currently on site and has the equipment available, staff recommends pipe replacement and approval of this change order.
5. Contract history:

Original Contract (2-13-09)	\$ 93,080
Change Order 1 (pending)	<u>\$ 34,900</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$127,980
6. The change order cost is based on contract unit bid prices for the work required. Staff believes that the price quoted is a reasonable cost for the work involved and achieves the requirements of the County.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003 - 2008) - Chevis Canal/Airport project.
(3234250 - 54.14021 - 32380537)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order 1, in the amount of \$34,900, to the contract with L-J, Inc. for the Chevis Canal at Hodges Airpark Drainage, to replace the existing culvert pipe and the cost of associated work, and to extend the contract completion time by four weeks.

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 Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM S

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order 2, in the amount of \$49,375, to the construction contract with L-J, Inc., for the Dundee Canal Drainage Improvements and Tidegate Upgrade project, for additional work and to extend the contract by 42 days.

BACKGROUND: The Board approved at their 21 December 2007 meeting, a construction contract for the Dundee Canal Drainage Improvement project. 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 stipulated a completion date of 11 February 2009. In December 2008, water piping was observed under the footer of the structure. The Board approved Change Order 1 which provided the additional funds needed to correct this condition on February 27, 2009.
3. Construction work is currently near complete, including the installation of the new miter gates. The new gates have worked so well keeping tidal flows out of the canal that the pressure differential created by the now greater differential in water levels caused separation of a concrete slab from the structure's foundation. Drawings of the original structure represented that the slab was constructed as an integral part of the foundation however it is now understood that it was originally cast separately. The cold-formed joint between the slab and foundation allowed water under high pressure to get under the slab and cause it to buckle. The solution is to re-pour the slab, this time ensuring that it is structurally tied to the underlying foundation.
4. To re-pour the slab, the contractor has requested a time extension of 42 days.
5. The cost of the work has been reviewed by staff and the design engineer and found to be reasonable for the extent of effort involved.
6. Contract history:

Original Contract (12-21-07)	\$ 1,007,446
Change Order 1 (2-27-09)	128,665
Change Order 2 (pending)	<u>49,375</u>
Revised contract amount	\$1,185,486

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order 2 in the amount of \$49,375, to the construction contract with L-J, Inc., for the Dundee Canal Drainage Improvements and Tidegate Upgrade project, for additional work and to extend the contract by 42 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 T

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$28,970 base price purchase of a 2009 Ford Hybrid Escape from J. C. Lewis Ford for Child Support.

BACKGROUND: This vehicle will replace one that is worn out beyond economic repair and has poor dependability.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. In order to expedite the process, fax quotes were requested from three (3) Georgia dealerships. The three (3) dealerships to respond were: Akins Ford, Winder, GA, Allan Vigil Ford, Morrow, GA and J. C. Lewis Ford, Savannah, GA. Responses are as follows:

Akins Ford Winder, Georgia	\$28,970
J.C. Lewis Ford Savannah, GA	\$29,654
Allan Vigil Ford Morrow, GA	\$30,555

2. On 27 March 1998, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners adopted a “Local Vendor” Preference Ordinance that gives the lowest Chatham County vendor the opportunity to match the lowest price offered by an out-of-County vendor. If the County vendor confirms in writing within 24 hours, the award will be made to the Chatham County vendor. J. C. Lewis Ford has agreed to match the low quote of Akins Ford.

3. Staff believes the total cost of \$28,970 base price for the purchase of a 2009 Ford Hybrid Escape to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: Child Support - \$20,000
(2512220 - 54.22001)
CIP - Vehicles - \$8,970
(3501567 - 54.22001 - 3503004A)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of the \$28,970 base price purchase of a 2009 Ford Hybrid Escape from J. C. Lewis Ford for Child Support.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of replacement vehicles for the using department.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM U

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$11,765 purchase of an Excavator Bucket, Swivel Coupler and assembly from ASC Construction Equipment of Savannah, GA, for Public Works.

BACKGROUND: Unit #84 Excavator Bucket is in need of replacement. The bucket and swivel coupler is worn to an unsafe condition.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This machine is an essential tool used to do heavy drainage work for the County.
2. Quotes were requested from area vendors and the results are as follows:

ASC Construction Equipment Savannah, GA	\$11,765
Great Southern Construction Equipment Savannah, GA	\$12,000
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$11,765 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operation
(1001567 - 52.22100)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of the \$11,765 purchase of an Excavator Bucket, Swivel Coupler and assembly from ASC Construction Equipment of Savannah, GA, for Public Works.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the equipment replacement and assembly that are essential to the using department.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM V

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$40,300 contract to Leon’s Fence and Guardrail, LLC. of Lobeco, South Carolina to repair and replace guardrails at various locations within the County for Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: Earlier this year staff of Public Works surveyed guardrail locations throughout the County and compiled a list of sites that needed repair and/or replacement to be in compliance with GDOT standards.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Public Works does not have the in-house staff to perform extensive repairs or the expertise for guardrail construction.
2. The project was properly advertised and four (4) bids were received and opened 21 April 2009. The bid results are as follows:

Kerby Enterprises, Inc. Bloomingdale, GA	\$38,228 (non-responsive)
* Leon’s Fence and Guardrails LLC. Lobeco, SC	\$40,300
** Alloy Industrial Contractors, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$64,703

** E & D Contracting Services, Inc. \$247,563
Savannah, GA

*MBE firm
**WBE firm

- 3. Staff reviewed the bid submitted from Kerby Enterprises, Inc. and discovered that repairs at several locations did not conform to the solicitation which referenced required GDOT specifications. After subsequent conversations with the vendor, it was apparent that the firm was unfamiliar with certain GDOT repair specifications, in specific Type 12 repairs required to be 37.5 feet in length.
- 4. Staff recommends declaring the bid from Kerby Enterprises, Inc. non-responsive. Staff believes the bid from Leon’s Fence and Guardrails LLC. to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - Public Works
(3504100 - 54.14011 - 35030797)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval to award a \$40,300 contract to Leon’s Fence and Guardrail, LLC. of Lobeco, South Carolina to repair and replace guardrails at various locations within the County for Public Works and Park Services.
- 2. Provide staff other direction

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award a contract when it is a matter of public health or safety.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

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PURCHASING AGENT

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9. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE THE COUNTY’S PARTICIPATION IN A BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) LOCAL AWARD OF UP TO \$107,253.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay made a motion to approve the County’s participation in a Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Local Award of up to \$107,250. Commissioners Stone and Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Kicklighter and Thomas were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: ~~V1-1~~ X-9
AGENDA DATE: May 8, 2009

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

ISSUE: To request approval for the County’s participation in a Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Local Award of up to \$107,253.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1) The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act includes funding for public safety programs including the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant. The Byrne Grant allocates direct funds of \$107,253 to the County through its local awards. Funds must be used within three years, and there are restrictions on use. Grant allocation amounts are based upon Census population and FBI Uniform Crime Reporting data.
- 2) The City of Savannah is acting as the lead agency for the grant and is coordinating requests. The application deadline for the grant is May 18, 2009, and the Chairman’s signature would be needed on the application. Due to the short timeframe for application, the County’s decision to participate needs to be accelerated. After formal grant award, the City of Savannah will ask the County to sign an agreement outlining use of funds and compliance requirements.
- 3) The County Manager has identified the purchase of police vehicles for the Special Service District as a priority use of funds. In discussions with the Police Chief, it has been determined that the County could lease 12 police vehicles for approximately \$101,000 annually instead of purchasing vehicles for \$290,000. Since the grant would fund the vehicle lease, the County could return \$290,000 back to the SCMPD to fund operating costs in fiscal 2010.

FUNDING: The grant receipts and disbursements will be reflected in the Multiple Grant Fund. Restoration of operating funds would require an allocation of Fund Balance – Reserved for Law Enforcement in the Special Service District.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) That the Board approve the County’s participation in the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Local Award and approve the use of grant funds for police vehicles, or
- 2) That the Board deny approval and provide other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

This request is consistent with the County’s Procedures for Financial Administration of Grants and consistent with past Board Approval for federal grant applications.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve Alternative 1.

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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.

- 1. **AMENDMENTS TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY REVENUE ORDINANCE FOR CHANGES TO THE PARKING GARAGE FEES AND WATER AND SEWER FEES; AND TO APPROVE A SOLID WASTE FEE AND NEW RECREATIONAL FEES.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Chairman Liakakis read the item into the record as the first reading.

AGENDA ITEM: XI-1
AGENDA DATE: May 8, 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 parking garage fees and water and sewer fees. Approve a solid waste fee and new recreational fees.

BACKGROUND:

The County’s current Revenue Ordinance was updated and approved by the Board of Commissioners on September 5, 2008. In order to fund operational costs, it is recommended parking garage fees and water & sewer fees be increased. It is also recommended that a solid waste fee be implemented for curbside dry trash pick-up. Additional fees are requested for the aquatic center and for parks and recreation.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. To fund operational costs, Article P Section 1 needs to be amended to increase parking fees. The last increase occurred on July 1, 2005.
2. Article W Sections 2 & 3 for Water and Sewer Service Charges & Fees needs to be amended. These increases are proposed to offset cost increases within the fund, encourage water conservation, and facilitate capital improvements. The new rate structure reduces base fees. Consumption rates increase with higher usage. Note that rates were amended for Sewer – Irrigation since the Budget Message.
3. A new section needs to be added for the new solid waste fee – Article V Section 3. This revenue is proposed to offset the costs of curbside dry trash pickup, which are currently paid through SSD Fund property taxes.
4. Appendix F Sections 1 & 2 needs to be amended to add the new aquatic center fees and the new parks and recreation fee.

FUNDING:

The revised rates are intended to fund related operational costs. New rates in recreational activities will generate additional revenue in the General Fund.

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 make the changes as per attached. The fees will be effective July 1, 2009.
2. Provide the Finance Department with other guidance.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board follow Alternative 1.

RECOMMENDED REVENUE ORDINANCE CHANGES

Article P. Parking Fees

Section 1

Parking Garage - Montgomery Street – Monthly		OLD	NEW
Reserved Space	County Employees	\$ 55.00	\$ 65.00
	Non-County Employee	\$ 80.00	\$ 90.00
Unreserved Space	County Employees	\$ 37.00	\$ 47.00
	Non-County Employee	\$ 65.00	\$ 75.00
Parking Garage - Montgomery Street – Hourly / Daily Rates		OLD	NEW
Hourly Rate - 1 st hour		\$ 1.00	
Hourly Rate - 2 nd thru 6 th hour		\$.50	\$ 1.00
Daily Rate - Maximum		\$ 6.00	\$ 10.00
Annex Lot (Oglethorpe) – Monthly			
Reserved Space		\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00
Un-Reserved Space		\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00

Article V. Solid Waste Operations

Section 3 Solid Waste Fees

For every single family residential unit in the unincorporated area, a Solid Waste Fee will be charged per year. This charge is for solid waste services in the unincorporated area of the county which includes yard waste recycling and curbside bulky item collection. The fee will be included on the 2nd installment real estate property tax bills. The Tax Commissioner is responsible for collecting the fees. Penalties and due dates will be the same as indicated on the tax bill.

The fee will be \$85.00 per year per single family residential unit. For purposes of this ordinance, single-family residential means residential properties classified by the County as having only one dwelling unit per property or parcel.

Article W. Water & Sewer Service Charges & Fees

Section 2 Water Service Fees

	OLD	NEW
Water Base Charge (no water usage included)	\$ 24.58	\$ 20.00
0-2,000 feet of usage (per 100 cubic feet = one unit)	\$.33	\$ 1.00
Over 2,000 cubic feet of usage (per 100 cubic feet)	\$.53	\$ 2.00
Customer Deposit - Water Only*	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Customer Deposit - Water & Sewer*	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
Re-connection Charge	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Meter Tampering Penalty	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00

Section 3 Sewer Service Fees

Flat Rate	\$ 65.00	\$ 72.00
Base Charge	\$ 30.15	\$ 28.00
0 - 2,000 feet of usage (per 100 cubic feet = one unit)	\$ 1.42	\$ 1.90
Over 2,000 cubic feet of usage (per 100 cubic feet)	\$ 1.81	\$ 2.40
Customer Deposit - Sewer Only	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
Sewer – Special Flat Rate	\$1,041.59	\$1,145.00
Sewer – Special Deposit Flat Rate	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
Sewer – Irrigation Base Charge	\$ 30.00	\$ 22.00
Sewer – Bethesda Base Charge	\$ 30.00	\$ 22.00

Appendix F

Section 1 Parks and Recreation

Add – Space Fee - Portable Vendor Space – Charge per day - \$125.00

Section 2 Aquatic Center

Add – Annual Membership - Child (3-12 yrs old) - \$180
 Annual Active Military Family Membership - \$500.00 (Includes the immediate family members living in the household. Must provide proof of active military status)
 Starfish Swim Lesson Instructor Training - \$25.00 – 8 hour instructor course
 Rental of Training Room - \$10.00 per hour

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XII. SECOND READINGS

None.

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

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: May 8, 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>
1000 NetPro software license maintenance renewal agreements	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing	\$2,790	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Four (4) computers	Juvenile Court	Dell Marketing (State Contract)	\$5,590	General Fund/M&O - Juvenile Court
Annual maintenance and licensing for TaxSpeak	Tax Commissioner	Web Speak (Sole Source)	\$8,700	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Ceramic tile for floors and walls of holding cells at the Courthouse	Special Projects	Atlantic Coastal Homes	\$9,481	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Courthouse Construction
Concrete material needed for equipment used at Hily Avenue at Norwood Avenue	Engineering	Coastal Concrete of Georgia, Inc.	\$4,000	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Norwood Avenue Drainage
Rip rap material for Hily Avenue at Norwood Avenue	Engineering	Carroll & Carroll Inc. (Sole Source)	\$8,400	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Norwood Avenue Drainage
12 line trimmers, five (5) chainsaws, one (1) polesaw	Public Works and Park Services	Lawnmower Store	\$8,566	SSD - Public Works
Print, insert and mail 2009 first installment tax bills	Tax Commissioner	Diversified Companies, LLC	\$7,519	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Envelopes for 2009 first installment tax bills	Tax Commissioner	Diversified Companies, LLC	\$5,952	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
Replace computer cabling for new workstations for CEMA	I.C.S.	Entre Solutions (MBE)	\$8,446	General Fund/M&O - Reimbursable Expenses
Removal of four (4) contaminated transformers from Ambuc Park	Parks and Recreation	W.P.C.	\$6,750	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
Fabrication and installation of handrails at Forest City Library and Tybee Island Library	Human Resources	A & B Fabrication and Repair	\$7,255	General Fund/M&O - ADA Compliance
336 bags of athletic field line marker	Parks and Recreation	Lesco, Inc.	\$2,647	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion being made by Commissioner Gellatly and seconded by Commissioners Stone and Odell, the Board recessed at 1:45 p.m. to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, land acquisition and personnel.

Following adjournment of the Executive Session, the meeting of the Board of Commissioners was reconvened at 2:25 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. **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the appointment of Coren Ross to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the vacancy created by the death of Jimmy Watford with a term to expire August 1, 2011. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Odell, Kicklighter and Thomas 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 2:32 p.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2009

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

SYBIL E. TILLMAN, CLERK OF COMMISSION