

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 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 Pete Liakakis called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., Friday, June 12, 2009.

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II. INVOCATION

County Manager Russ Abolt gave the Invocation.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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IV. ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll.

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

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

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. PRESENTATION OF \$5,000 CHECK TO DR. EARL YARBROUGH, PRESIDENT OF SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY, FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE NAME OF DR. PRISCILLA D. THOMAS.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have Dr. Priscilla Thomas, she will have a presentation.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman and my fellow Commissioners, ladies and gentlemen, Mr. Van Johnson will give the intro before I make my presentation.

Mr. Van Johnson said, thank you and good morning, Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Stone, gentlemen. Annually the National Association of Counties and Siemens presents and sponsors the County Courthouse Award. The purpose of this award is to profile elected county officials who have improved the lives of citizens

throughout standing governance and strong leadership. From large metropolitan counties and suburban and rural counties, county executives, board members and commissioners are continually working on and ways to address many of our nation's most challenging issues, such as homeland security, air and water quality, information technology, health and human services, public safety and a wealth of other priorities, managing and prioritizing a county's needs may very well be a commissioner's most challenging task. These success stories are the foundation upon which other successes can be built.

Those individuals selected for these awards gain national recognition for their county and receive a \$5,000 scholarship to present to a college of their choice or student of their choice. And as you are very well aware, one of our very own, Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, was the recipient of the County Courthouse Award and received national recognition for her vision and development of the Chatham County Youth Commission. As a part of the award, Dr. Thomas received a \$5,000 college scholarship to present to a student or students of her choice.

As a life long advocate of public education, Dr. Thomas has decided to make a donation to Savannah State University in order to provide five \$1,000 scholarships to Chatham County residents that are attending or will be attending Savannah State University. Here to receive the presentation is Dr. Earl Yarbrough, President of Savannah State University. Dr. Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, good morning. This is truly an honor and I am very delighted to make this presentation this morning. I am so overwhelmed I really don't know what to say, but I do want to say one thing that I am excited about, and the fact that my grandmother, who is long gone, who raised me and she taught me how to give back and to reach out to others, and so today I am so delighted to have this opportunity to present this check in the amount of \$5,000 — you'll get the real thing — as a matter of fact I think it's in the bank, it's already in the bank, payable to Savannah State University, \$5,000 in reference to the scholarship, and we're going to give five \$1,000 to five different deserving students, and I will be meeting with those students a little later and we'll have maybe a lunch and get acquainted. Congratulations and thank you. We're very proud of Savannah State. Dr. Yarbrough said, thank you. Commissioner Thomas said, you're more than welcome.

Dr. Earl Yarbrough said, the check is so big, I can't —. I want to thank the Chatham County Commission for sure and the Commissioner for this time to be here, and of course I can't thank you enough, Dr. Priscilla Thomas. It's just a wonderful gift that you've given to us at the University, and I know Van Johnson has been involved with you a lot and —. Commissioner Thomas said, very much so. Dr. Yarbrough said, — he's a wonderful SSU alumnus and always working for that institution. I know that his commission has made a difference in the lives of a lot of folk in the County who have come onto the University and graduated and went on to do wonderful things. So we want to thank him also. But I also want to say on behalf of our students in the University that about 90% of our students need financial aid to come to the institution, 90% of our students. So you know that there's a lot of need for financial help at the institution, and this \$5,000 will go a long way to supporting five of our students to join us. They come with goals, motivation, work habits, but a lack of money and each year we have to turn away a few students because of the lack of dollars. So again we want to thank you, thank you very much from the bottom of my heart for this gift for the University, and it will be used and we will graduate five of the wonderful youngsters who will come with this and make sure that happens. Thank you so much.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, Dr. Yarbrough, I'd like to thank you very much and I know this Commission also, because since you've taken over as President, you've done a lot of innovative things. We see Savannah State University growing and that's terrific, and we can see their football season last year increased dramatically and they're working on that now, but we can look at the increase in enrollment out there and the things that Savannah University [sic] is doing — Savannah State University, what they're doing in the community with outreach programs. It makes a lot of difference, too, and we appreciate your leadership as President and the things that you have put in place at Savannah State University.

Dr. Yarbrough said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, and we appreciate you coming out and watching some of those games every now and then for sure, thanks so much, and all of you are invited for sure. Let me know.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Thank you. Commissioner Thomas said, question. Commissioner Holmes said, we've got a question.

Commissioner Holmes said, oh, I'd like to introduce Jalisa Williams, who's representing Johnson High School, and William Stuart from Savannah Country Day. Jalisa, you wanted to ask a question?

Youth Commissioner Williams said, oh, yes sir. I have a comment. Like you said, my name is Jalisa Williams and I'm a Senior at Sol C. Johnson High School and I will be graduating on Tuesday. I will be attending Savannah State University in the Fall and I'm honored to be a part of the Chatham County Youth Commission under the leadership of Dr. Thomas, and she is an inspiration to all of us on the Youth Commission because she gives back to everyone, and she is just a very genuine person, and I would like to say I will be honored and I will be applying for one of these scholarships. Commissioner Thomas said, alright. Go, girl. Commissioner Kicklighter said, I do believe that you just got one of them. Commissioner Thomas said, alright. That's the way to go. That's the way you do it.

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2. GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR 2008-2009 CHATHAM COUNTY MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

Chairman Liakakis said, this next item here, this County Commission we're really proud of because we've got a graduation ceremony now for the 2008-2009 Chatham County Management Development Program. Van [Johnson], you want to talk about this program, and I know this is really good because it has really helped our County employees to reach a higher level and for them to go into this management phase.

Mr. Van Johnson said, thank you, Mr. Chairman and guests. I as always told that you have no because you ask not, but Jalisa [Williams] certainly has asked. And as we celebrate graduation, the commencement ceremonies throughout our community, we are also taking time today to celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of our colleagues, our associates and our co-workers, members of the Chatham County family, who have invested great time, energy and effort, and today they stand before you to graduate from the Chatham County Management Development Program.

During these very difficult and challenging economic times where very hard decisions have to be made, you have made the decision four years ago to invest in our employees to provide both the training and the knowledge to enhance the abilities of both our seasoned employees and our emerging leaders. We enlisted the experts and imported the call business to the government at the University of Georgia, and each class has taken their results to a higher level. This class is certainly no exception. If you consider the fact that they had to invest 24 days and over 126 hours over the last nine months in learning about themselves and the County they serve. They raised over \$18,000 for Project Lifesaver and \$18,000 — it's more now — \$18,000 for Project Lifesaver to assist our Sheriff's Department and assisting citizens that are autistic or living with Alzheimer's disease. Throughout their various projects in their departments, they have saved — saved the taxpayers of this community over \$5.5 million. And many of these projects are projects that are employee-driven and some are already in progress. And they had to do all of this by making sure that not one project at their office was lacking. Not one. They had to keep their job.

So we certainly thank you for your investment. We thank our County Manager, Mr. Abolt, and our Human Resources and Services Director, Mr. Kaigler, for their support and we thank the department heads who lent their very best employees to us for just a little while. We especially thank Sheriff Al St. Lawrence, who is a big supporter of our program, who graciously allowed us use of his facilities during these months, saving us even more money. And in every group you have to have a facilitator. You have to have a facilitator — someone called her an instigator, some would call her an agitator, some would call her a motivator, but she is someone who has certainly brought out the best in our employees, and I do since she's here all the way from somewhere in North Georgia, I want her to at least say good morning to you. I present to you our facilitator, Ms. Jackie Booker.

Ms. Jackie Booker said, good morning. To the Chair and elected officials, I am so happy to be here today. I watched this class grow from flower buds into full blooms. I am so excited to see where they are at today. I just want them to know this is not the end for us. This is just the beginning, and I encourage them to take their skills, all the talents that they have mastered together, and continue to grow. I could not leave this mike without thanking Mr. Johnson. There's a lot of people in here that I could thank, but I want to thank Mr. Johnson because he was the catalyst for making this whole thing work for us. So, Mr. Johnson, thank you. Okay, and I don't know where he got the part about that I'm an instigator and all that. I had no problems motivating folks. Thank you very much.

Mr. Johnson said, thank you. We present to you now better people, better employees, the Chatham County Management Development Class of 2009. Mr. Chairman, Mr. Abolt and Mr. Kaigler, if you would come up and join me to present these certificates to these very special employees. This is the real graduation now. They had a function at the Sheriff's Department, but this is the real graduation.

Monique Alexander, Building Safety and Regulatory Services – Her department head is here.

Misty Bethune Selph, Aquatic Center – I believe her department head is here.

Kelly Barnes, Building Safety and Regulatory Services

Monica Bryant, Sheriff's Department – The Sheriff and the Colonel are also here.

Walter Burns, Fleet

Mark Carpenter, Sheriff's Department

Gretchen Derryberry, Sheriff's Department

Roger Deschenes, Finance – His department head is here.

Denise Fields, Mosquito Control – Dr. Henry [Lewandowski] is in the house.

Cynthia Groover, Clerk of Superior Court – Mr. Massey is here.

Mark Hansen, Mosquito Control

Probably the best dressed award:

Marlin Knight, Administrative Services – Now if this is not sharp, you have to tell me what is.

I take great pleasure in this one because she's one of my own:

Leigh Herald, Human Resources and Services

James Moore, Sheriff's Department

Eva Perkins, Sheriff's Department

Trina Roberson, Information & Communication Services - I believe her department head is here.

Lee Sikes, Sheriff's Department

Gary Smith, Juvenile Court

The tallest person in the class:

David Walker, Sheriff's Department

Patricia Washington Clark, Public Works and Parks Services – Mr. Drewry is here.

Corbin Wooding, Sheriff's Department

And last but absolutely not least:

Samuel Young, Facilities Maintenance and Operations – Mr. Thomas and Mr. McRell are everywhere.

So thank you again so much for the opportunity to help provide these type of opportunities, and we find that education and training (a) is one thing that you can never take away from someone and it's the gift that keeps on giving. Thank you so much.

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MOTION TO ADD ITEM TO THE AGENDA

1. DISPOSAL OF TELEVISION SETS

Chairman Liakakis said, I'd like a motion on the floor to add a recycling item.

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

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, we have a motion on the floor to add a recycling item for television sets. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes. I call on Commissioner Patrick Farrell to talk to the citizens about the television sets.

Commissioner Farrell said, I just wanted to take this opportunity to — if you hadn't noticed it today, at eight o'clock the analog signal was cut off of your television and a lot of folks may take this opportunity to upgrade their televisions and buy new ones and you may have some left over televisions that you're not quite sure what to do with. Chatham County has a recycling center on Eisenhower Drive that's open on Wednesday through Sunday from Noon to 5:00 P.M., and we are ready to take all your electronics and your television sets off your hands and properly dispose of them. Would you like to say anything more, Mr. Drewry?

Mr. Drewry said, Robert Drewry, Chatham County Public Works. I just wanted to thank you for that. We did have a big switch back in February when it was supposed to have happened the first time when we had an electronic recycling event. There may be another recycling event coming this Fall, but Commissioner Farrell is exactly correct. We will take the TVs at the Education Recycling Center on Eisenhower, and again the hours that he mentioned were Wednesday through Sunday from Noon to 5:00.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much, Robert [Drewry], because that's really important. You know, a lot of citizens still have not gotten their certificate to get themselves a converter so that they could go ahead and continue to change their analog to digital, and right now a lot of citizens today doesn't have that television if they didn't get that converter. But we want the citizens to know, as was mentioned by Commissioner Farrell and of course Robert Drewry, is that it's important that you take, if you have gotten a new television set or you're just getting rid of the old TV set and not getting a converter, to please take these out to the recycling center on Eisenhower because these television sets, there's a problem. It has hazardous material in it and our places where we take our disposal units that it could contaminate the dump areas in our communities. So it's important that we have this recycling area on Eisenhower. Thank you for that work on that, Robert [Drewry].

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to add to the agenda an item Calendar regarding disposal of television sets. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

***1. APPROVAL TO ADD THE FOLLOWING REPORT TO THE AGENDA UNDER "ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTION": IX-5 – REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF A REVISED FISCAL YEAR 2009/2010 MILLAGE LEVY.**

Chairman Liakakis I need a request to add the following report to the agenda under Items for individual items, that will be Item IX-5, Request Board Approval of a Revised Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Millage Levy. I need a motion on the floor for it.

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

Chairman Liakakis said, alright, we have a motion on the floor, and what this is, because we don't have the tax digest, the County Manager will explain this. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to add to the agenda under Items for Individual Action, Item IX-5 – Request Board Approval of a Revised Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Millage Levy. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

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2. NACO CRIMESTOPPERS! AWARD.

Chairman Liakakis said, next on the agenda will be a special award that the County has received, and what I'd like to do is call on our Public Information Officer Pete Nichols and Demery Bishop, who heads up the Crimestoppers for Chatham County and the City of Savannah. Go ahead, Pete [Nichols].

Mr. Pete Nichols said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I stand in front of you today to talk about our award-winning Crimestoppers Focus TV program, and the awards keep piling on. A couple of years ago we were in front of you to tell you about the 3CMA award that we won, which is from the Communication — City-County Communication Marketing Association and it is basically the public access, government access version of an Emmy, and recently this week we were notified that we were the recipient of the 2009 National Association of Counties Achievement Award presented to Chatham County for its program Crimestoppers Focus in recognition of an effective and innovate program which contributes to an enhances county government in the United States, signed by the executive director of NACo. We're very proud of this award, we're very proud of the show that we are working on. We've been on the air I think for about four or five years now. Most recently we've done some shows where we last Fall we created a fictitious crime and followed that fictitious crime through the criminal justice system — through the judicial branch of local government. We had tremendous cooperation through the District Attorney's office, through the Superior Court, through the Clerk of Courts, and all the Jury Manager and everybody, and most recently, and I'll let Demery [Bishop] talk about this, we were able to travel up to Clarksburg, West Virginia, to the headquarters of the FBI CJIS Operation. CJIS stands for Criminal Justice Information and Services, and we spent a whole week up there filming different aspects of what they do in fingerprint identification and some background checks of guns and things of that nature, and currently we are airing part two of that program and we are in the editing process of part three, and we are also in discussion for future programs with CNT and other aspects of the criminal justice services and agencies here in Chatham County, and I'll let Demery [Bishop] talk a little bit more about that.

Mr. Demery Bishop said, thank you, Pete [Nichols]. It's a pleasure to be here again. Obviously Crimestoppers and this award I think absolutely personifies and emphasizes the fact that we are an entity working together to solve crime. With the county's local and state and federal metro, it really is a program that we're proud to be part of. We worked with the FBI in this last filming episode, but that's just part of what we're about, getting a message out, but most importantly Crimestoppers through our efforts with Pete [Nichols] and Catherine Neal, who's the Media Coordinator for Crimestoppers, getting that message out allowed us to get bad guys and bad women off the streets, put them in jail, pay a reward to citizens who without Crimestoppers have no other way to be involved for fear of retaliation, reprisal. It gives them that opportunity, and that's important to me to continue to make sure that we do that. Twenty-five years with the FBI and now ten years with Crimestoppers, we're continuing to do what I was I think born to do, and I love it and I'm going to keep doing it as long as we have crime. And I'm glad you said fictitious crime because I don't want anybody to think Crimestoppers ever created a crime because we didn't do that, but we have fun doing it. It's these awards that make it very, very enjoyable, and I'm just very pleased that you sponsored us and have been a partner and continue to be a partner in what we do in Crimestoppers.

Chairman Liakakis said, Demery [Bishop], I'd like to thank you on behalf of Chatham County because you've done an excellent job since you've been the Executive Director for Crimestoppers, put all kind of new programs into place and also working with the County where we sponsor this Focus program, Crimestoppers Focus. We can see that what has occurred is a lot of those people that have committed crime in our community have been arrested because citizens are calling up Crimestoppers. As you mentioned, they do into have to give their name. They can call up and talk about a particular crime that they are familiar with, and then that turns over to you, you give it to the law enforcement agency, and of course they make the arrest. And because of your leadership, a lot of people might not know this, but you are a retired FBI agent and had a great career with the FBI, and now you have a great career with our Crimestoppers program and have helped reduce a lot of crime in our community because what Crimestoppers has done to give that information to our law enforcement so that they can act on it. And, of course, we'd like to also thank Pete Nichols, who is our great Public Information Officer who, you know, works on this program and does many good things for the County, but especially for this because getting the information to the community to help reduce crime is great, and we hope that you continue to fight crime like you said, Demery [Bishop]. Mr. Bishop said, I intend to do so. Chairman Liakakis said, thank you. Mr. Nichols said, thank you very much.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, if I can before these folks leave, they were both gentlemen that talked to you. They used the term generously of we. You are seeing the we. There's no more and yet the quality of these individuals before you now testified now to two awards of what they do not only is heartfelt, enthusiastic and as I described Demery [Bishop] earlier this week is infectious. This is truly quality from the few and for that we are all appreciative.

Mr. Nichols said, thank you very much. Mr. Bishop said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, alright. Thank you.

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

1. PROCLAMATION FOR MR. ANDREW PALMER ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM AMTRAK (COMMISSIONER THOMAS).

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a proclamation for Mr. Andrew Palmer on his retirement from Amtrak. I call on Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, ladies and gentlemen. This is truly a wonderful moment. I'm excited about the fact that this young man here is before us and he has given so much to Chatham County. He's gone beyond the call of duty as far as servicing the citizens of Chatham County, and so today I wanted to take this opportunity to recognize him for his services here in Chatham County. I would like to introduce his wife, would you please come forward, and I see your brother and his wife and their daughter. Come on. This is his daughter. Okay, I'm going to read the proclamation. It says:



WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners take great pride in recognizing citizens that go the extra mile to ensure the needs and comfort of others are met, and today we express our appreciation to one such individual, Andrew Palmer; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, due to the decline of private passenger rail services in the United States, Congress and President Nixon created Amtrak and since 1983 Mr. Palmer was a part of this railroad system; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Palmer, a native of Eulonia, Georgia, began his career with Amtrak on May 23, 1983 in the city of New York and relocated to his beloved State of Georgia in 1986 to continue his employment with Amtrak; and

WHEREAS, he held the title of ticket clerk, but wore the hats of other positions. His love and concern for his fellow man was often displayed in the caring manner in which he assisted passengers. He took his philosophy to always do your best to heart and this was evident as he performed required duties; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Palmer received numerous letters of appreciation for his sincere kindness and helpfulness from travelers near and far, and he played a very instrumental role in assisting our community to keep the Amtrak system in Chatham County.

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

ANDREW PALMER

for twenty-six years of dedicated service to individuals during his employment at Amtrak and extend best wished to him upon his retirement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 12th day of June 2009.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman

Commissioner Thomas said, congratulations and I know that you deserve this well earned retirement. Thank you for all the services that you have provided for the citizens of Chatham County. Thank you so much.

Mr. Palmer said, I'd like to thank the County Commission Board and thank Dr. Thomas. I love Savannah, I love the people in Savannah and I love Amtrak, so y'all continue riding Amtrak. Please take care of Amtrak. I'm going now, but please, the Amtrak coming to Savannah, people love coming to Savannah. A lot of Girl Scouts groups come here, a lot of people come here. Please take care of Amtrak and we'll be okay.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you on behalf of the Chatham County Commission for your service to our citizens. Of course, we've got one Commissioner who likes to ride the trains and she does that quite often is Commissioner Priscilla Thomas, so you're quite familiar with her, but we thank you so much for your service because your outgoing, the way that you do and talk to people and handle their particular problems and the service that you give to them has been outstanding and we thank you for that, and we wish you God's speed on anything for the rest of your life and your family. Mr. Palmer said, thank you very much. Chairman Liakakis said, you're welcome.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas presented a proclamation to Mr. Andrew Palmer upon his retirement following 26 years with employment at Amtrak.

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ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this time with the Board's permission I'd like to make a motion that we handle Agenda Item 1 under Tabled and Reconsidered Items, as well as Item #4 under Items for Individual Action. This will just bump Commander Harris up instead of him having to wait until after the CAT meeting and all. He's so graciously waited hours and hours before and I'd like to move him up forward if possible. I put that in the form of a motion.

Chairman Liakakis said, give me those items again. Commissioner Kicklighter said, it's under Tabled and Reconsidered Items, Item #1, and under items for Individual Action, just a brief update, item #4. Commissioner Gellatly said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, okay, we have a motion on the floor to do this under Commissioners' Items, to move it up to this location. We have a motion and a second. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

[NOTE: Items VIII-1 and IX-4 were taken out of order and hear at this point on the agenda.]

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REMINDER OF FLAG DAY

Chairman Liakakis said, for general information the reason why I'm wearing this tie today to bring to the general public that June 14th is Flag Day, and we want all of our citizens in Savannah and Chatham County, all the municipalities to think about flying their flag on Flag Day. That's really important, you know. The flag is an important part of our country and all, and June 14th is celebrated every year as Flag Day. So I'm doing this to recognize that we have Flag Day coming up on June 14th, and please see that you put your flags out, the people that have it, because that is the symbol of this great country.

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CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Chairman Liakakis recessed the Board as the County Commission at 10:34 a.m., and convened the meeting as the Chatham Area Transit Authority.

Following adjournment of the Chatham Area Transit Authority, the Board reconvened at 12:30 p.m., as the County Commission.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

***1. PURCHASING ITEMS J AND X WERE TABLED AT THE MEETING OF MAY 22, 2009. ADDITIONAL REPORTS ARE ATTACHED FROM CNT AND FLEET.**

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
J. Office furniture	C.N.T.	National Office Systems (State Contract)	\$10,043	General Fund/M&O - C.N.T.
X. Donation of four (4) surplus vehicles to McIntosh County	Fleet Operations	McIntosh County	\$1,200	Revenue Producing

Chairman Liakakis said, Number 1 is the purchasing items J and X were tabled at the meeting of May 22, 2009, and additional reports are attached from CNT and Fleet on these particular items, and those items under 1 is J, office furniture for CNT, and X, the donation of four surplus vehicle to McIntosh County.

County Manager Abolt said, yes sir, Mr. Chairman. This was tabled at your last meeting. On the furniture the memo from Commander Harris documents that this equipment is 15 years old and about wore out, and on the issue of McIntosh County, which does not apply to command or CNT, we did at your request contact the municipalities in Chatham County. All responses were in the negative, so you can in effect, given this information, award the contract to buy furniture and also dispose of the vehicles valued at \$1,200 to McIntosh County.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve. Commissioner Farrell said, second. Commissioner Stone said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve Items J and X. Commissioners Stone and Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: VIII-1
AGENDA DATE: June 12, 2009

ITEM J

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$10,043 purchase of office furniture, off the State of Georgia contract, from National Office Systems for C.N.T.

BACKGROUND: The furniture at the C.N.T. facility is damaged and unservicable for staff to use. Furniture is being replaced to match existing furniture throughout the facility.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The State of Georgia Contractor for this furniture is National Office Systems.
2. Staff believes the total cost of \$10,043 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund /M&O - C.N.T.
(1003222 – 53.17009)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of \$10,043 purchase of office furniture, off the State of Georgia contract, from National Office Systems for C.N.T.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary equipment for staff to perform daily tasks.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL /S/ Gloria Saugh
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM X

ISSUE: Request Board to declare four (4) Ford Crown Victoria police vehicles as surplus and approve the sale of the vehicles to McIntosh County.

BACKGROUND: McIntosh County Sheriff's Department has lost four (4) vehicles early this month in an accident. Due to that, McIntosh County has requested that Chatham County sell to them four (4) used salvage vehicles. These vehicles are in our salvage due because it is not economical to maintain them any longer. However, due to McIntosh County's situation they are well suited. They looked at the vehicles and offer to purchase them.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. McIntosh County has requested (see attached page 29) to purchase four (4) vehicles from Chatham County for the price of \$300 each.
2. The vehicles are in county salvage waiting to be auctioned.
3. If these cars were to be auctioned they may bring \$800 to \$1,200 each.
4. By State Law and County Policy, vehicles and equipment are disposed of when they reach the end of their useful life or are no longer required by Chatham County. Disposal is normally carried out by public auction. The County may also transfer these items to other government entities if it wishes.
5. Transfer to another governmental entity requires the approval of the County Commission. The Commission must also determine whether to donate the item at no charge, or whether to charge the Fair Market Value of the vehicle or some portion of that value.
6. The vehicles requested are from the Departments listed below:

MODEL	DEPT.	UNIT	YEAR	MILES	VEND #
CROWN VIC	POLICE	830	2004	134947	2FAFP71W14X166218
CROWN VIC	POLICE	833	2004	115663	2FAFP71W84X121841
CROWN VIC	POLICE	837	2004	119039	2FAFP71W54X166223
CROWN VIC	POLICE	755	2000	134930	2FAFP71W5YX144728

FUNDING: Revenue Producing - No funds required

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board to declare four (4) Ford Crown Victoria police vehicles as surplus and approve the sale of the vehicles to McIntosh County.
2. Board to declare these vehicles surplus and approve the donation of the salvaged vehicle to McIntosh County for a set price.
3. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve a request to declare an item surplus and authorize the transfer to another municipality.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL /S/ Rusheda Adeshina
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- *2. SECOND READING ON 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. NOTE: AT THE MEETING OF MAY 22, 2009, THE REVENUE ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED ON SECOND READING WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SOLID WASTE FEE WHICH TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.**

ATTACHED REPORTS:

- RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS POSED DURING AND AFTER YOUR MOST RECENT BUDGET WORKSHOP
- TWO REPORTS REGARDING DEADLINE FOR DECISION:
 - “DRY TRASH FEE IMPLEMENTATION TIME SCHEDULE” - MEMO DATED 5/28/09
 - “REAFFIRMATION OF DEADLINE FOR DRY TRASH FEE IMPLEMENTATION” - MEMO DATED 5/29/09
- “MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION AS YOU EVALUATE DRY TRASH ANNUAL CHARGE” - MEMO DATED 5/29/09

Chairman Liakakis said, Mr. County Manager. County Manager Abolt said, you need a motion to take it off the table. Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Commissioner Shay said, motion to take it off the table. Commissioner Thomas said second.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor to take it off the table. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passed. Mr. County Manager?

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, to be very brief and in the interest of time, we did after your Board meeting you did have one meeting at which time several questions were posed between Ms. Cramer and Mr. Drewry and myself. We've compiled a response to all of that, which is provided in your packet and each member of the Board has had a chance to review it. This is up for your action today, if you choose to adopt it, and as I did indicate in written form based on conversations with Ms. Snider, it is imperative that if you wish to invoke this fee, that it be done today and that would minimize the expense of collection because it would appear on the statements going out from the Tax Commission. But that's where we are. As you know, the budget and the SSD are in critical condition, and my recommendation to you made specifically a request for this addition of a fee. When it comes to dealing with the severity of the budget problems in any organization, but particularly in this case folks in SSD, I have what amounts to in my recommendation three choices: cuts, fees and taxes. In this particular case, I've made substantive cuts in my recommendation, large percentage cuts in SSD departments and the only fee I've recommended of any substance has to do with dry trash and it's that's because of my considered opinion that for years this has been a service subsidized by property tax and, in fact, it is pure and simple a fee for service, no different than we as homeowners pay for electricity or gas or whatever.

Commissioner Shay said, to get the ball rolling here, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we adopt the fee that the County Manager has recommended. Commissioner Odell said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, alright. We have a motion on the floor and a second. Now we'll take comments. Helen [Stone].

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I received several emails from some of my constituents concerned about this fee. So I had a couple of questions for the County Manager that I proffered earlier. One is the limbs and debris are picked up once a week and bulky items are picked up once a month. If we reduce the limbs and debris pickup to twice a month and the bulky items still at once a month, could we reduce the overall cost, yearly cost of this fee?

County Manager Abolt said, I'd have to defer the specifics to Mr. Drewry, but essentially you'd be picking up the same quantify, and that would have a relative fixed cost. I have no idea as far as the savings of time. That is certainly a choice you have in addition to others that will probably be discussed today. The issue will be the length of time it stays in the neighborhood and —. Commissioner Stone said, I'm just talking about running the vehicles once a week. County Manager Abolt said, yes, I'm not speaking against it, but the down side is in the time of storm we'd have to mobilize very quickly. I'll defer to Mr. Drewry on his professional opinion as to a less frequent pickup of yard debris.

Mr. Robert Drewry said, Robert Drewry, Director of Public Works and Park Services. The County Manager is exactly correct. It is our estimation that the volume will not change. Residents — and we've experienced this before — residents will just put it in the garage or keep it in the back yard and don't move it up until it's time for their pickup, and we're reducing the resources, that will burden — assuming it's half the resources, that will burden those resources and obviously I don't think they can pick it up in a day. So even if the volume doesn't decrease, I'm not sure the frequency will change. I don't know if we can move half the trucks through a neighborhood in a given time.

Commissioner Stone said, well I just — I mean, for example, on Whitefield Avenue where I live I see the trucks coming down once a week and often times there's really nothing there once a week. Once every two weeks, yes, I would imagine more debris could collect, but it's bothered me sometimes that I see these large trucks with employees, you know, driving the trucks and on the back of the trucks, and if there's not a whole lot of debris at that particular time then, you know, you've got the expense of the equipment and the manpower, and I was just curious to know if really the demand warranted the services for once a week.

Mr. Drewry said, in any given week I can assure you those trucks are full. As many times I've seen them, often times they have to dump at least once a day and go back with an empty truck and finish their routes. And it is unpredictable. I'll be the first to tell you, some days they will ride through a street and not pick anything up and other days everybody on the street will have something out. And so you've still got to ride the street.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter asked, Mr. Drewry, could you answer this please sir? How many dump trucks or trucks do we utilize right now to haul off the dry trash? Mr. Drewry said, we operate nine trash compactors and one boom truck. Generally, everyday Monday through Thursday, which is the yard waste pickup, we run anywhere between seven to nine depending on the route. Commissioner Kicklighter asked, okay. Do you have current openings within your department as far as job positions? Mr. Drewry asked, within Public Works Department? Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes sir. Mr. Drewry said, and not the Solid Waste? Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes sir. Mr. Drewry said, yes sir, I do. Commissioner Kicklighter asked, you do? Mr. Drewry said, I do have a couple.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so if we were to actually change this service to a subscription type only, in other words they call in for service, you know, call in for service fee where the homeowner knew that if they called in it would cost them whatever — ten dollars to pick it up — we parked eight of the vehicles under a nice shelter and cranked them up once every couple of weeks or whatever, we could probably maintain the positions as far as keeping the current staff on board, putting them in other areas possibly. We would be able to allow the consumers, being the homeowners, to call in if they need the pickup and we would have the vehicles ready should a storm come and we have to clean, and I'm sure that you have many licensed people within your department that can actually drive a dump truck and, if not, that should probably be one of your hiring requirements in the future, you know, for you to take into consideration. That away [sic] we could actually put the burden on the very — which again I don't think there would be a burden placed on anyone at this point if we can properly, which we'll have our police expenditures everything today — later today we'll get all the information that we need to look at the police expenses — but that aside, I think that if we have to place a burden somewhere with the realization that there are people out there that probably do not wish to lose the service and they would pay for it, we could allow them to actually pay for that service and we could maintain the vehicles in some type of storage area should a storm come through and we need to utilize them. I think that would be something for us to really consider.

County Manager Abolt said, if I may, that's certainly an option and the service I think you understand because my recommendations are very essential service in my opinion. We're trying to minimize additional costs, and the problem is challenged not by Mr. Drewry so much that I want him to speak to that. It's all of a sudden you have to create a capacity in either Ms. Cramer's office or the Tax Commissioner to somehow send out individual bills, respond and then more, in the strong awareness we have on the consumption of energy, if you make it demand responsive and you're sending a compactor here and there, it's on the Westside in the morning and then all of a sudden drives over to the

Islands area, it could be very costly. Again, we will do whatever we are told, but I do steer clear of recommending what you discussed because of additional costs that I've yet to compute and also possibly a misuse of energy because if a person calls, usually they want response fairly quickly and there's no way of being able to program the response as to what part of the County it might be. So that's the down side of it. I think it would be possibly more expensive and it would create more of a bureaucracy that I thought I was going to avoid.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well, I appreciate your thoughts on that. County Manager Abolt said, to be very frank with you. Commissioner Kicklighter said, to be quite honest, the burden is being placed on the property owners of the unincorporated area with this, and in these economic times there's a burden on virtually everyone, and I'll remind this Board that — and I'll say it — it's not popular, but I don't know many people that's flourishing right now economically and people are wanting to just maintain their jobs and remotely close to what they're making, and a lot of people have lost jobs, a lot of people may as well have lost their jobs if they're into sales type businesses. We are still at this point have in our budgets a raise for Chatham County employees, which Chatham County employees work hard and you're wonderful people, but the reality of the times we're in is most people are not getting raises this year. Most people are happy to maintain their jobs, and while the citizens of this County most likely, or a lot of them, have either lost their jobs or taking pay cuts, cuts in hours, we're asking them to spend more money when their living revenues have most likely diminished throughout the past year or so, and I just think there's tough times. I think that we must cut, for sure, cut things, and it hurts everywhere and everyone, but I think that at this point I'm amazed that we're still talking raises and we're talking putting another fee on the residents of the unincorporated areas, and it's my understanding that the raise would equate to about \$300,000 in the SSD budget, if I remember.

County Manager Abolt said, no sir, no sir. I would suggest because of the substance of this, that it be better discussed possibly in Executive Session if the attorney would allow us, but if you're looking at the dollars, I want to point out as I did in my budget message, there's no COLA. There would be what I identified as an appreciation program, which in the SSD from savings from this year's budget, amounts to about \$100,000. So, hypothetically, that's what you're talking about, but because of the consequence of the discussion at this level until you make up your mind and the attorney would allow, possibly the ins and outs of this could better be discussed in Executive Session, but I want you to understand we're not taking action on that today. We'll come back to you later with that, but from the standpoint of looking at what amounts to a million and a half in additional revenue from this fee, you have to size it up to what I just indicated in the SSD amounts to amount a hundred dollar savings from this year.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well, that's a \$200,000 difference from what I was told previously. I was told that it was \$300,000 that the raise would equate to in the SSD budget. That was my understanding before.

County Manager Abolt said, Ms. Cramer said it could be the compensation study, which of course you funded before, but again I would suggest that —.

Commissioner Kicklighter asked, Ms. Cramer, do you recall hearing the number \$300,000 out there on that at all? Ms. Cramer said, I hear a lot of numbers. I'll have to —. Commissioner Kicklighter said, it may have actually come from you. Ms. Cramer said, I hear a lot of numbers so the number — the most recent number that I've gotten from HR in reference to the employee appreciation program that they're looking at in SSD is about \$100,000, and again that's coming out of the current year comp study money that's been set aside, and I think in the current year budget the comp study money is about \$300,000. So that may have been —. Commissioner Kicklighter said, so \$300,000. I dreamed that. Well, again, to the employees of Chatham County, I think you're wonderful and I truly do appreciate every — each and every one of you, and I just at this point everybody that's being asked to sacrifice somehow another, this Board here over the past I know four years we've been giving a four or five percent raise, I believe, every single year and prior to that during even tough economic times we managed a couple of years of raises, and my point being is we're asking the residents once again to sacrifice and we're not doing anything to trim the fat on our own, and I think that we need to —.

County Manager Abolt said, I do want to —, I don't want to take exception to anything you say except trimming the fat. I want you to appreciate it, and I know you do, but the substantive cuts made in other departments. Mr. Drewry, for example, has a 17% cut, Mr. Anderson 19% cut, MPC 23%. Again, I don't want to use the term fat, but I also don't want Mr. Curl to portray this discussion as some I indicated they were not substantive cuts.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well, the — thank you for correcting me. The entire Special Service District has been just torn to pieces —. County Manager Abolt said, thank you. Commissioner Kicklighter said, — and in my opinion that's because of our flawed police merger agreement and the structure that we're paying them now because it went from the \$7,000,000 to now requested over \$16,000,000 here a few years later. So everything else is already suffering there, and so my point without trying to get into all that is because we have a flawed agreement and times are tough economically right now, we're slashing all departments down to nothing, at this point we're still offering a raise that could be \$300,000 and the residents living in the unincorporated area are virtually going to receive nothing but police service for all of the tax dollars they're spending, and we're about to possibly add an extra fee on it and we're still talking about giving a raise. So on each, every — however you want to look at that, the unincorporated area residents are the ones actually suffering and, you know — that's it. I'm done. That's all.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Shay.

Commissioner Shay said, I think right now it's fair to say that dry trash pickup in the Special Service District is collected through a tax. County Manager Abolt said, yes sir. Commissioner Shay said, it's paid for by every taxpayer in the

Special Service District and that burdens commercial property tax — well, commercial property owners for the tax for a residential service. So there's an inequity there. Moving to a fee is probably a fairer way to charge for this in a sense that the class of people that benefit from the service will be the ones that pay for it. The rub comes from the fact that unfortunately we're not in a position to offer an offsetting tax rollback. That's the real rub. In other words, if we were doing this and we were saying, okay, we're going to roll back property taxes to offset it, then I don't think there would be, you know, any discussion.. And that leads to your discussions about whether it's fair to at the same time, you know, pay more for policing or whatever, but I do want to point out that preserving the service, charging a fee for it, would allow a vehicle in the future for what I hope will be curbside recycling program, that this also will allow us an avenue to achieve curbside recycling in the future. I don't get out to the Islands as much as I should or to some of your other districts, but in my district I can't go anywhere where there's not a sign this petition thing for getting on the ballot to make us — make us — do some form of curbside recycling. We've committed as a group that we want to see that achieved. We have also committed as a group that we're going to wait until we can see that it will be a whole lot more affordable so that these same people aren't doubled burdened. But I'm going to be voting in favor of this. It's — with a bit of remorse, and that is that we cannot offer a corresponding millage rollback to all of the property taxpayers as an offset for this, but my understanding is that the fee is about \$85 a year. County Manager Abolt said, yes sir. Commissioner Shay said, so it amounts to about \$7 a month. Now I did a little bit of checking to find out what it would cost for somebody to subscribe to Waste Management to provide the same kind of service, and it is more money. It is \$84 — \$85 more a year, but it's a pretty sweet deal compared to what the private sector would provide this service for.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, what we have is a situation where budget needs to be balanced. There's multiple ways to balance a budget. One of them is to increase one side of the equation or you can decrease the other side of the equation. In this particular case, I like the idea of balancing the budget using existing revenues, but looking very closely at the cost centers that we have currently in the Special Service District budget. We have a police budget that's based on an unrealistic model using population versus actual services that needs to be addressed. We have a Building Safety and Regulatory Services that's used over a million dollars in nonrecurring revenues to balance the budget for this current year and in this budget has 670-something thousand dollars in nonrecurring funds to balance that budget. So I think there's a fair amount of funds in those two cost centers that can be looked at with a little sharper pencil. Also, I believe that the dry trash service is wonderful service, but perhaps it needs to be scaled back somewhat to fit into a more fiscally reality of what we're faced against with the very real outlook of limited digest growth, both this year and in the future. So, although there are many good options to solving this problem, this particular conclusion for this one is that I would like — I will not vote for the fee increase with the outlook that there are other ways to balance the budget without using funds, and that's the direction I would like to go, although there are many good proposals here.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Odell said, let me just ask a quick question. Am about the call the question because I think we can debate this forever and a day, and it's a difference in philosophy as to balance the budget here now and the County Manager believes that this is what we should do, and Russ Abolt has consistently been conservative in his approach. You know, unfortunately people pay services for services, and I will yield to the Chairman before I make my motion. Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Liakakis said, you know, this is a real concern about balancing this budget. I know when we came on board in 2005 there was \$5,000,000 of phantom money that was put in revenue, and some of the Commissioners were fooled that that money was there and it was voted on. But when we came in in 2005, after talking to auditors and comptrollers and the Chief Financial Officer for the County and the Assistant and the County Manager and the Assistant County Manager and many others, we found that that \$5,000,000 did not exist, and so what we had to do to be able to take of things that had been disregarded in this community, for example, and you've heard me say this before, these windows here, instead of spending about \$4,000 to paint them, it cost the citizens in Chatham County \$146,000 to fix these windows. From \$4,000 to \$146,000, and then there was a huge amount of money in the millions of dollars, instead of putting in about \$300,000 to maintenance on the recreation areas in our County, we ended up well over \$4,000,000 that's costing the taxpayers because we had, and if you look at it now, we've got really good recreation facilities because we had to do that; that if you take the Charlie Brooks Park, you take the Tom Triplett Park, you take others in the community, especially those that didn't have grass, had pot holes in it, no scoreboards in it, buildings rotting out, roofs leaking, and all of that, that when we came up with that small amount .67, what occurred — I mean, it was just a few — it was under a dollar a month for a \$50,000 house, about \$1.60 or \$1.70 a month for \$100,000, and so on. And what we were able to do is to balance the budget and then we had the monies to take care of all these things that had been disregarded in this County. Disregarded absolutely. And then, so what we did the next year in 2006 and 2007 this Board came up and we reduced the millage. So you see a lot of good things happening. It's not that we want to raise this, you know, put a fee on here now, put this fee on, but the situation is we need to balance the budget and hopefully that we can do things to help the citizens in the future. I know we've got a situation going on right now, but we need to balance this budget, and the situation that we've got right now is — Oh, let me tell you. We had a similar situation in the City of Savannah where they started recycling and it was only people that were volunteering to come into the program. You know what happened a number of years ago? That people, just to get them involved in it, it didn't work out so the City cancelled that recycling program they had, and now they've got it where the entire City is involved in it now the way they've got it set up. So it's not something where somebody wants to come into the program and volunteers and coming into it.

But anyway, you know, we look at all of this. It's a tough decision we have to make, but we need to balance that budget, especially in Special Service District because what happened in that 2005 we did not raise the money in SSD. We did not raise the millage in that. So we look at the overall process that we have here so that we can make sure that we're able to provide the services. We can do dramatic things. We can take the Public Works Department. That budget has been reduced over \$1,000,000, about \$1,100,000. Is that about right, Robert [Drewry]? Mr. Drewry said, yes sir. Chairman Liakakis said, \$1,100,000. Almost \$400,000 in the Inspections and Buildings Department and other departments have been reduced in the operation. So anyway, I just want to speak to that and don't want the citizens to think that, hey, we're just arbitrarily raising a fee so that, you know, we can bring this money in because we've got a situation there, because we have to look at it. What's going to happen next year? And the following year on that, and be stuck twice as bad next year as we are this year. Harris [Odell].

Commissioner Odell said, I'll just —. You want me to yield? Okay, I'll yield my comments to Mr. Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. Mr. Chairman, I agree one thing. I know no one wants to put a fee. I agree one hundred percent that anybody up here that votes that today, I respect you and I know you don't want to place a fee. So I'll give you that, and I'll also say that every department within the Special Service District budget has been just torn to shreds. You specifically went through, department by department has been reduced to this, been reduced to that. I won't be sarcastic and ask how much has the Police budget been reduced because I know that answer. It's actually being increased in the requested amount increase, just tremendously, and everything else is being sacrificed. Everything in every taxpayer and business and whatever you want to say in the unincorporated area, they're sacrificing because of this Police payment structure, and that's the reason in a nutshell that other than I don't want — no one wants to do that. I'll just say that. I will not put that on there because it needs to come out of this inflated, bloated, ridiculous Police budget that we're being asked to pay, and that's it in a nutshell. Everything is being decimated because of the Police budget at this point. Every single department torn to pieces, and all these people will get if this fee is approved, their leaves will be picked up and they'll have police service. They'll be paying more money and that's all they're going to get. So much for cutting the grass and the intersection where people won't get in a head-on wreck out Highway 17. We won't have money to do that. We won't have money to do anything other than fund this Police Department in which we don't truly at this point until we get the info later tonight know how many officers are out there, know how many cars are out there versus what the people were paying for before. And that's my problem with how premature I feel we're passing this right now. I think had we had the information in our hands that possibly it would not be premature because then we would have all the information. And, you know, again please go ahead and call for the question, Harris [Odell], unless somebody has something to say or whatever.

Commissioner Odell asked, have we just about talked this to death, my brothers and sisters? I'm going to vote for the motion and I want to say that our County staff I think are extremely conservative in their financial positions. They're not spenders and benders. They are conservative people and when our County Manager and Finance Director makes a recommendation, I consider it, and I've heard the opposition. I understand y'all's position but as for me, I'm going to vote for it and with that I will call the question and call for the vote.

Chairman Liakakis and Commissioners Holmes, Shay, Odell and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Stone, Farrell, Gellatly and Kicklighter voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of five to four. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Shay moved to remove this item from the table and place it before the Commission for consideration. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- b. Commissioner Shay moved to approve the fee of \$85 for dry trash pickup in the unincorporated area of Chatham County. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion. Chairman Liakakis and Commissioners Holmes, Shay, Odell and Thomas voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Stone, Farrell, Gellatly and Kicklighter voted in opposition. The motion carried by a vote of five to four.

AGENDA ITEM: VIII-2
AGENDA DATE: June 12, 2009

DATE: June 5, 2009

TO: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Linda Cramer, Finance Director

SUBJECT: Follow Up Responses to Budget Workshop and Commission Meeting Questions

1) How would the dry trash fee be administered?

The proposed dry trash fee would be used to offset costs of curbside/dry trash services in the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund. In the past, these services have been paid for by the Special Service District through an interfund transfer of \$1.5 million to the Solid Waste

Fund. This means that all SSD taxpayers are currently funding the residential dry trash costs.

In the County Manager’s Proposed Fiscal 2010 budget, the SSD Fund subsidy/interfund transfer for dry trash is eliminated. Instead, the recipients of the dry trash service would pay for these services through an annual fee of \$85. This fee would be placed on the County’s September property tax billing. Revenues would be recorded in the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund.

2) MPC – what does the MPC and CORE do for cities of smaller size at the expenses of the unincorporated taxpayer and their City of Savannah counterparts. This would include SAGIS and all its benefits (May 26, 2009 – Follow-up from Today’s Budget Workshop).

The MPC’s response can be found in Attachment A of this document.

3) Please identify the specific of dry trash cuts to be effective the 1st of July that would include unemployment costs for the estimated nine personnel (May 26, 2009 – Follow-up from Today’s Budget Workshop).

If the dry trash services are not funded, \$1.5 million would be cut from the Solid Waste Fund Enterprise Fund budget. This would include termination of employment for thirteen employees effective July 1, 2009. These employees could file for unemployment benefits with a potential cost to the County of \$111,540. The employees are eligible for terminal pay of approximately \$67,000. Further detail is shown in Attachment B.

4) Identify options to avoid cuts in dry trash from reoccurring revenues. Essentially they would have to occur by shifting other priorities within Public Works (May 26, 2009 – Follow-up from Today’s Budget Workshop).

Option 1:

- *Further Public Works service reductions with cost reductions used to subsidize dry trash operations.* Public Works has provided the following list of departmental activities and the percentage of time spent by staff on each activity. Further analysis is needed to quantify the costs and potential staff reductions associated with each activity:

Public Works Activities		
Activity	Time %	Funding Source
Borrowed Help	4.7%	Charge out - Depts
Canal Maintenance	16.8%	Charge out - M&O
Ditch Maintenance	11.0%	SSD
Indirect	21.0%	SSD
Litter/debris control	1.0%	SSD
Loss time	5.3%	Various
Median Maintenance	2.7%	SSD
MS4 Inspections	0.3%	SSD
Miscellaneous	2.5%	Various
Pothole/road repairs	5.4%	SSD
Right-of-way permits	0.5%	SSD
Road grading	2.3%	SSD
Roadside Maintenance	14.0%	SSD
Road Stripping	1.1%	SSD
Storm Pipe Maintenance	3.8%	SSD
Street Sweeping	2.9%	SSD
Traffic Control/Signage	2.1%	SSD
Tree Maintenance	2.6%	SSD

Cost and staff reductions in any of these activities will mean reduced service levels. Staff recommends against reducing the level of service in activities related to traffic and roadway safety. In addition, the County is mandated by the NPDES Stormwater permit with the State of Georgia to provide the minimum level of maintenance and inspections of the stormwater system.

Other miscellaneous departmental activities include lot maintenance, high mast lighting, light carpentry, facility maintenance and dead animal removal.

This information duplicates Public Work’s direct response as shown in Attachment C.

Option 2:

- *Increase reoccurring revenues in the SSD Fund.* The millage rate could be increased to cover the cost of dry trash services. The equivalent millage rate in the SSD Fund for \$1.5 million is .35 mils. The current millage rate is 3.475.

5) **From 2005 forward, identify the top three expenditures for services with the SSD exclusive of the Metropolitan Police Department (May 26, 2009 – Follow-up from Today’s Budget Workshop).** This chart shown shows cumulative increases to these budgets over a five year period.

**SSD Fund Department - Top Three Cost Centers + Police
Budget Increases over 5 Years
FY05 to Proposed FY10**

Department	Dollar Increase (Millions)	Percentage Increase	FY2010 Equivalent Millage
Police	\$ 5.2	59%	1.768
Public Works	\$ 1.9	56%	0.69
Engineering	\$ 0.5	85%	0.149
Recorders Court *	\$ 1.1	135%	0.261

* Cost allocations increased to department in FY09

6) **Public Works – identify potential options to use non-violent offenders to do ditch maintenance and augment the work of our hand-ditch crews (May 26, 2009 – Follow-up from Today’s Budget Workshop).**

Detention Center staff does not recommend the use of detention center workforce for ditch maintenance since there is not a consistent workforce to accommodate this request. The non-violent offenders often are not available for a full eight hour shift. They can not be required to do this work if they choose not to.

7) **Break down services purchased by the SSD Fund for the \$678,000 subsidy to the BSRs Enterprise Fund (May 26, 2009 – Question regarding SSD Funding of Building and Safety Enterprise Fund).**

The Director of Building Safety & Regulatory Services has outlined these items in detail on Attachment D. To summarize, these include:

Property Maintenance Inspections -	\$254,837
Annual Wellhead Protection Inspections -	\$ 32,169
Annual School Fire Safety Inspections	\$ 55,488
School Board Building Construction Inspections	\$134,942
School Board Building Permit Plan Review & Issuance	\$192,666

8) **Identify options beyond Public Works to avoid cuts to dry trash for reoccurring revenue. Rather than just consider shifting other priorities from Public Works, extend consideration of options to include all Special Service District budgets (May 27, 2009 – Clarifying Follow-up Items from May 26 Budget Workshop).**

The Special Service District Budget has been reduced to balance to zero digest growth. Alternatives to generate funds for dry trash basically include:

- *Revenue increases:* Divert any revenues from digest growth to the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund for use in dry trash pickup. 1% digest growth would generate approximately \$150,000 for the SSD Fund.
- *Revenue diversion:* Currently the County charges \$1 per ton for a solid waste management activity fee for materials deposited into private waste disposal facilities. Under State law, this fee can be increased to \$2. Additional fees could possibly be

utilized for dry trash pickup. Guidance from the County Attorney is recommended prior to considering this option.

- *Cuts to other departments:* Further reductions to other operating departments would require staff reductions. A list of departmental functions provided by Engineering and the Metropolitan Planning Commission are shown in Attachments E and F. Activities of the BSRS Enterprise Fund benefiting the SSD Fund are listed in question 7. Other services provided by the BSRS Enterprise Fund relate directly to building permit and inspection activities, code enforcement and predictable permitting. The Board could also consider further reductions to the SCMPD operating budget for fiscal 2010.
- *Furloughs:* A one-day per month furlough for County employees in the SSD Fund would save \$161,500 per year.

9) Regarding the spreadsheet with the three highest-budgeted departments, include the annual budget change and percentage change, exclusive of the Metropolitan Police Department (May 27, 2009 – Clarifying Follow-up Items from May 26 Budget Workshop). This chart shows annual changes in dollars and percentages for these departments.

SSD Fund Departments - Top Three Cost Centers + Police
Adopted Budget History

Department	ADOPTED BUDGET					PROPOSED BUDGET
	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10
Annual Budget:						
Police	\$8,793,506	\$ 9,436,509	\$10,840,974	\$12,018,567	\$13,534,218	\$13,946,521
Public Works	\$3,486,460	\$ 4,634,567	\$ 4,834,545	\$ 5,317,821	\$ 5,638,304	\$ 5,440,214
Engineering	\$ 636,980	\$ 971,183	\$ 988,067	\$ 1,018,032	\$ 1,249,423	\$ 1,175,915
Recorders Court	\$ 875,310	\$ 888,710	\$ 892,444	\$ 918,090	\$ 929,300	\$ 2,060,873
Annual \$ Change:						
Police	n/a	\$ 643,003	\$ 1,404,465	\$ 1,177,593	\$ 1,515,651	\$ 412,303
Public Works	n/a	\$ 1,148,107	\$ 199,978	\$ 483,276	\$ 320,483	\$ (198,090)
Engineering	n/a	\$ 334,203	\$ 16,884	\$ 29,965	\$ 231,391	\$ (73,508)
Recorders Court	n/a	\$ 13,400	\$ 3,734	\$ 25,646	\$ 11,210	\$ 1,131,573
Annual % Change:						
Police	n/a	7.31%	14.88%	10.86%	12.61%	3.05%
Public Works	n/a	32.93%	4.31%	10.00%	6.03%	-3.51%
Engineering	n/a	52.47%	1.74%	3.03%	22.73%	-5.88%
Recorders Court	n/a	1.53%	0.42%	2.87%	1.22%	121.77%

10) Other Options

These options utilize non-reoccurring revenues and are therefore not recommended under the County’s Financial Policies. **These options represent short-term solutions only and will not resolve the long-term structural imbalance in the SSD Fund.**

Option 1:

- *Utilize health insurance refunds to fund dry trash for the next fiscal year.* This option would provide \$1.1 million. Administering a partial dry trash program is not practical. Therefore, additional funding of \$400,000 would be required to make up the cost differential. Note that under this option, the Board could not adopt the proposed dry trash fee later in the fiscal year since the timeframe for billing the fee on the property tax invoices would expire.

Option 2:

- Utilize \$750,000 unrestricted fund balance in the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund to carry the dry trash service through 12/31/09, and develop alternative service strategies beginning 1/1/10. Since fund balance is not a reoccurring revenue source, this is a short-term option only. After 12/31/09 the dry trash service would be automatically eliminated. In the interim, affordable solutions could be reviewed and adopted by the Board. Note that under this option, the Board could not adopt the proposed dry trash fee later in the fiscal year since the timeframe for billing the fee on the property tax invoices would expire. When developing affordable solutions, the Board might want to include these options:
 - Fee for service – Customers could contract with private vendors directly for dry trash pickup. The County would not be included as a vendor. A potential impact of fee for services might be more dumping by residents.
 - Service reduction – This option is not recommended by the Public Works Director who is concerned that, even with service reductions, the volume of dry trash would remain constant.
 - SSD Fund – Identify other potential reductions in the SSD Fund. Associated cost savings could be used to subsidize the Solid Waste Fund. See question 8 for discussion of other SSD Functions. A potential impact of this option might include service reductions in other departments.

Please note that the Public Works Director has expressed strong reservations about partial year funding for dry trash. The reservations include employee retention issues through the transition period as well as the high volume of dry trash over the holiday season.

STATE OF GEORGIA)
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 COUNTY OF CHATHAM)

AMENDMENT TO REVENUE ORDINANCE

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.

APPROVED: This _____ day of June, 2009.

 Pete Liakakis, Chairman
 Chatham County Commissioners

ATTEST:

 Sybil E. Tillman, County Clerk

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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 TRANSFER OF \$250 FROM MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO SALARIES IN THE CORONER'S BUDGET, (2) SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND CONTINGENCY TRANSFER OF \$186,000 TO TRANSFER OUT TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS, (3) IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND: A) INCREASE REVENUES AND PROJECT BUDGETS \$186,000 FOR THE TRANSFER IN FROM THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND, AND B) TRANSFER \$375,000 FROM CIP M&O CONTINGENCY TO THE ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER PROJECT, AND (4) AMEND PROJECT BUDGETS IN THE SALES TAX IV FUND TO AGREE TO THE FINAL DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUES.**

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

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

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second for these transfers. Let's go on the board. Are you voting, Dean [Kicklighter]? Commissioner Kicklighter asked, which one is it? Chairman Liakakis said, that's for Item 1, the transfer of funds. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

Chairman Liakakis said, in that we said the Animal Control project, for the general public's information it is that the contractor has now cleared that section out and it looks like the contractor that was awarded to build the new Animal Shelter will start that project next week and hopes to have it completed in eight months or less. So we'll have one of the best Animal Shelters projects in the entire country.

County Manager Abolt said, you will have the best.

Commissioner Odell asked, will we have a groundbreaking?

County Manager Abolt said, you've already had your groundbreaking. You will have a ribbon cutting. Commissioner Odell asked, can you insert my picture in that?

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved that the Board approve the following budget transfers and amendments: (1) General Fund M&O transfer of \$250 from Management Services to Salaries in the Coroner's Budget; (2) Special Service District Fund contingency transfer of \$186,000 to Transfer Out to the Capital Improvement Program Fund for Public Works projects, (3) in the Capital Improvement Program Fund: a) increase revenues and project budgets \$186,000 for the transfer in from the Special Service District Fund, and b) transfer \$375,000 from CIP M&O Contingency to the Animal Control Shelter Project, and (4) amend project budgets in the Sales Tax IV Fund to agree to the final distribution of revenues. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1
AGENDA DATE: June 12, 2009

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

ISSUE: To request approval of the following budget transfers and amendments: (1) General Fund M&O transfer of \$250 from Management Services to Salaries in the Coroner's budget, (2) Special Service District Fund contingency transfer of \$186,000 to Transfer Out to the Capital Improvement Program Fund for Public Works projects, (3) in the Capital Improvement Program Fund: a) increase revenues and project budgets \$186,000 for the transfer in from the Special Service District Fund, and b) transfer \$375,000 from CIP M&O Contingency to the Animal Control Shelter Project, and (4) amend project budgets in the Sales Tax IV Fund to agree to the final distribution of revenues.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

The salary expenditures in the Coroner's budget are projected to exceed budget by \$250. Funds are available in the Management Services line item to transfer within the department's budget.

- The Public Works and Parks Services director has submitted a request to transfer funds from the Special Service District contingency to the Capital Improvement Program Fund for Public Works projects. \$186,000 is available. This will require an amendment to the Capital Improvement Program Fund to recognize the transfer in. Correspondence and a resolution are attached.
- The low responsive bid for the Animal Control Shelter Project will require additional funding in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund. A transfer of \$375,000 from M&O CIP Contingency to the project has been requested. Correspondence is attached.
- The final distribution of proceeds in the Sales Tax IV (2003-2008) Fund resulted in adjustments to the project budgets. These adjustments include additional interest earnings, incorporating Board actions, unincorporated road line items, rounding, incremental increases in the final revenues, and expenditures through the end of February. A resolution and a project schedule are attached.

FUNDING: Funds are available in the General Fund M&O, Special Service District Fund, and CIP Fund contingencies and the Coroner’s budget for the transfers. The budget amendment will establish funding in the Capital Improvement Program Fund.

ALTERNATIVES:

(1) That the Board approve the following:

GENERAL FUND M&O

- a) transfer \$250 from Management Services to Salaries in the Coroner’s budget,

SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND

- a) transfer \$186,000 from contingency to Transfer Out to the Capital Improvement Program Fund.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND

- b) increase revenues and Public Works project budgets \$186,000 for the transfer in from the Special Service District Fund,
- c) transfer \$375,000 from CIP M&O Contingency to the Animal Control Shelter Project.

SALES TAX IV (2003-2008) FUND

amend project budgets in the Sales Tax IV Fund to agree to the final distribution of revenues and actual interest earnings and expenditures as of 02/28/09 as shown on the attached resolution and project schedule.

(2) Amend or deny the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS: State law grants the Board authority to amend the budget during the year as it deems necessary.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approves Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

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2. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A \$200,000 CONTRACT WITH UNION MISSION TO PROVIDE A DIVERSION PROGRAM AS A SENTENCING ALTERNATIVE FOR OFFENDERS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROBLEMS.

County Manager Abolt said, again Mr. Chairman, I’ll defer to Mr. Monahan, who’s done an excellent job of working with the courts, as well as Colonel Holmes and Sheriff St. Lawrence operations. This is a very innovative way of helping out Union Mission, yes, but more importantly helping out the taxpayers of Chatham County by dealing with number one citizens who need help and can get it through the services of Union Mission, but it also is avoiding costs at the Detention Center. Mr. Monahan.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, I just want to say how pleased I am that this is going forward as someone who believes that we really do need to look at alternatives for incarceration for nonviolent offenders because of the problems that we have with the overcrowding in our jails. So it’s a win/win situation and I’m very pleased this is going forward.

Mr. Patrick Monahan said, I don’t know what else I can add, but it does serve a dual purpose. It will help those who should not be in jail receive treatment services and within the housing and counseling services and employment

assistance services at Union Mission, but also more importantly make bed space available at the Detention Center for those who should be in jail.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve, Mr. Chairman. Commissioner Odell said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve a \$200,000 contract with Union Mission to provide a diversion program as a sentencing alternative for offenders with behavioral health problems. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2
AGENDA DATE: June 12, 2009

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Patrick Monahan, Asst. County Manager

ISSUE:

To approve a \$200,000 contract with Union Mission to provide a diversion program as a sentencing alternative for offenders with behavioral health problems.

BACKGROUND:

In February, the Board approved \$200,000 for a project with Union Mission and directed staff to develop a performance-based contract for services.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

- 1. The proposed agreement is attached. By the contract, Union Mission would provide a diversion program as an alternative to jail time for offenders with behavioral health problems.
 - 1.1 Working with staff, judiciary, Public Defender's Office, and Sheriff's Office/Detention Center, Union Mission would develop criteria for an offender's participation and develop standards for tracking and reporting.
 - 1.2 Union Mission would provide housing, counseling services and employment assistance on a case-by-case basis.
- 2. Besides the goal of assisting offenders with behavioral health problems, the agreement provides an alternative to incarceration equivalent to \$200,000 in cost at the Detention Center (based on \$50 per day). The total days of 4,015 represents the equivalent of 11 inmates at the Detention Center for 365 days. Mental health patients who should be in programs rather than in jail get the help they need, and the jail beds become allocated to those who truly should be incarcerated.
- 3. The County Attorney has reviewed the agreement and approved it in form.

FUNDING:

The Board approved funding of \$200,000 for this contract.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. That the Board approve the agreement as presented.
- 2. That the Board offer amendments to the agreement by changing service requirements.
- 3. That the Board take no action.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

A service-based contract for a diversion program for behavioral health offenders services serves a dual purpose. Mental health patients who should be in programs rather than in jail get the help they need, and the jail beds become allocated to those who truly should be incarcerated.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative 2.

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3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE WAIVER OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FEES FOR SEVEN EXISTING DAY CARE CENTERS.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, this is an issue where we found an error made by staff going back to 1987 dealing with certain requirements of day care centers, which now by correct interpretation of the Zoning Code requires them to go to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Because the error is ours, we're requesting that you waive the fee, which amounts to \$1,300 per copy and, in effect, that those day care centers which are listed as an attachment —.

Commissioner Odell said, I'll make a motion to approve staff's recommendation. 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. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve a waiver of Zoning Board of Appeals fees for seven existing day care centers. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3
AGENDA DATE: June 12, 2009

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THROUGH: R. E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: GREGORI S. ANDERSON, DIRECTOR BUILDING SAFETY & REGULATORY SERVICES

ISSUE

Waiver of Zoning Board of Appeals Filing Fees for Seven (7) Existing Day Care Centers

BACKGROUND

The zoning ordinance allows Day Care Centers in certain zoning districts provided that a number of design provisions are met. One of the provisions includes a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) for Centers not located on a collector classified street. The ZBA filing fee is currently \$1,300.

FACTS AND FINDINGS

1. The listed Day Care Centers were approved by the State of Georgia, see attached.
2. The Day Care Centers dated back to 1987, in some cases. The Centers were approved by the Zoning Administrator.

FUNDING

Not Applicable

ALTERNATIVES

1. Waive ZBA filing fees
2. Provide direction to staff

POLICY ANALYSIS

The seven (7) listed Day Care Centers were approved by the State and the County at the date of their permit application. During that time, it was incorrectly assumed that the State license approval was all that was needed and the County approval was a formality.

During the investigation of a complaint against one of the Centers, it was determined that the County license approval was granted as an administrative oversight. Further investigation revealed that other Day Care Centers were also issued licenses under the State approval oversight.

The misconception by the Zoning Administrator does not eliminate the requirement to meet the County zoning ordinance provisions for a variance from the ZBA. The time lapse since the original approval represents no error by the Center owners. The original approvals date back over twenty years, in some cases the filing fee has increased over that time.

RECOMMENDATION

Alternative # 1, waive the ZBA filing fee

DAY CARE CENTERS

IDLEWILD KINDERGARTEN AND DAY CARE	2316 EAST BOULEVARD(1987)
GREENLAND DAY CARE CENTER	1920 MCCLEOD AVENUE(1997)
FUNNY BONES LEARNING CENTER	2513 EASY STREET(1997)
ELF'S CHILDREN CENTER	46 RIVER OAKS ROAD(1999)
MONTESSORI ACADEMY OF SAVANNAH	8415 CRESTHILL AVE.(1998)
DISCOVER MONTESSORI SCHOOL	104 PENROSE DRIVE(2001)
TOT'S LEARNING CENTER	113 WESTMINISTER ST.(2005)

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4. CNT MONTHLY REPORT GIVEN VERBALLY BY COMMANDER HARRIS.

Chairman Liakakis said, the CNT monthly report, which is usually given by Commander Harris — Commander Harris is here today. If you will give us that report now, Commander.

Commander Harris said, good morning, Commissioners. Commander Roy Harris, Counter Narcotics Teams, and a copy of the monthly report should be coming down to you. You will notice that, the first thing, the report appears a little different. We have compressed the tables closer together in a desire to get a little more green where we actually duplicate less pages, so it is a shorter report, but the same information is on there, and in that same light at a recent request to provide — make this report available to certain citizen groups in the County, we are working to get that done electronically so we won't have to physically mail out copies of this report.

You'll notice in the last few months, I think I was not here to or didn't have the opportunity to explain, we have — usually carry drugs seized and we added a block for drugs purchased. That in the past had not been on there. A lot of the drugs that we purchase are not included in when we actually go in on a search warrant and seize drugs or do some other type of police operation where they're seized and there's a differentiation between those particular items on your report now to look at.

Weapons seized, we had eight for the month. Last year we seized 101 firearms, and I went back and checked and thus far this year we're up to 48 firearms. So we continue to see a significant amount of firearms on our streets between what both we're involved in and what predominantly Metro Police Department would be involved in. The majority of these firearms are here in the City, and I know that they seize literally hundreds of weapons each year. But the float does not appear to be slowing down any time soon.

Commissioner Odell asked, Major, may I ask a question. The weapons that are seized, are these weapons homeowners would purchase and their homes' burglarized, weapons stolen, get into the market that way, or weapons that are being purchased en masse and brought into this community? Commander Harris said, you have a little bit of both, Commissioner. A lot of the weapons, and you'll see on here one weapon seized this month, of the several probably 40 to 50% may be reported stolen. What you have a lot of times unfortunately, homeowners are very remiss in not writing down serial numbers and when the police officer takes the report, they don't have the serial number where it can go on NCIC so at a later point it can be identified. Many times they'll tell the officer we'll try to get the number and get it back so it can be on the CRN, but unfortunately a large percentage of stolen items we can't identify through serial numbers. Every weapon that we seize goes down to the Metropolitan Police Gun Unit for an E-trace on that particular weapon so they will trace that weapon, and we also endeavor to have them run through the GBI's IBIS system; however, last month that option has been shut down because GBI is not providing that service temporarily due to the shortages in the Crime Lab. I think Chief Berkow is in the back. He is endeavoring to get ATF to provide one of those machines here for the police department and, if that is done, hopefully that will be done soon and then we will be back in the business of doing that.

We take firearms very seriously as we seize those and we want to do everything we came to identify them, where they came from and also to determine if they were involved in any type of other crime here in the City, such as shell casings recovered at ride-by shootings or whatever, some of the weapons may turn up involved in those. Any further on that, Commissioner? Commissioner Odell said, no sir.

Commander Harris said, look at page four, some significant items I'll point out too to you. We had — we don't see a lot of heroin here. We had a request from Metropolitan Police Department, they had made a vehicle stop and they had a syringe with an unknown liquid. After interviewing the subject with it, we found out it was a mixture of heroin and methadone. This is one of the first heroin seizures we've had here. We've gained a lot of information from this defendant, so hopefully we can proceed further with that investigation.

Item 6, search warrant on East 37th Street, we had two houses. One was a boarding room and then a house directly across the street. When they entered that boarding room, they tripped a booby trap of some type of acid and we had to call the fire department over to help clear the scene on that. One of the suspects that fled on foot was apprehended and he also had a vile of this stuff on him. Obviously you can use this to try to destroy evidence, but more than likely

it's going to be used to hurt or harm anybody that tries to go in there. If you threw it on their face or whatever it would be very significant. So these are a little bit different than what we're used to running into.

Under Hours Worked, again these are broken down by zones. [Inaudible] also with the Garden City that we have here in Chatham County, and you'll see the total hours there. If there are any questions on that — Commissioner Stone?

Commissioner Stone said, yes, Commander Harris, can you explain to me under the hours worked by zone the difference between the Central Precinct and the Central Precinct/Neighborhood Task Force?

Commander Harris said, the Neighborhood Task Force was formed about three months ago at the request of the Metropolitan Police Department to actually target one given neighborhood that had the highest reported number of shots fired in that neighborhood. We added personnel to — about 20 Metro people. I think the Mounted Patrol and several other units were all combined to work this one particular neighborhood, and so we added those hours. So you get Central Precinct, which is where this is, plus the hours from that team that is working there in conjunction with the police department.

Commissioner Stone said, I'm just looking at the overall numbers and that's 892 hours out of all the zones, which is pretty significant. I mean, it's almost — it's more than half of what all the other zones worked are, and so that's a little bit concerning. I mean —

Commander Harris said, Central Precinct usually is the leading zone as far as hours. It goes back and forth between West Chatham and Central. Central we seem to have more problems there. West Chatham has popped up here in the last few months to kind of run a close race with those, but when you add that Neighborhood Task Force, then yes it does shoot the hours up. But that Task Force is about to wind down and — Chief Berkow, do you want to speak? I put you on the spot here because you've got their stats in your head.

Chief Berkow said, good morning, Commission and Mr. Chairman. I'm sorry, I'm a little tired. The Neighborhood Task Force was started in predominantly Cuyler-Brownsville after a number of discussions we had. We saw a trend with the assaults going up. The area for the Task Force was basically defined as Gwinnett Street to Victory Drive, from Ogeechee Road to Montgomery Street, where we just had a significant number of violent crimes. The Task Force was a three-month project. It ends July 1. It was done with all special operations personnel — no one was taken from patrol — and supported by a team of new agents and a supervisor from CNT, so it was an opportunity for patrol and this dedicated task force to work with CNT very closely in a very defined area. Cuyler-Brownsville has historically been one of our highest drug trafficking areas, as the Commander just said, that part of Central Precinct as well as the violent crimes. So we attach this specific precinct with an effort to drive it down and that was the goal. We've had quite a bit of success in terms of the violent crime. We're down about, I want to say, 12% as of Monday. The property crimes we've not been successful. We've changed the pattern of them, but basically what we've got is there's a large number of boarding houses in that area and other issues, so we have a lot of larceny and [inaudible] that still continue to crop of. But we've really made a significant dent in drug trafficking, which was leading — we had a series of about four shooting that were all drug related, very close proximity in Cuyler-Brownsville, which is what triggered the need for us to really come into a neighborhood in a concentrated fashion.

Commissioner Stone asked, so basically the hours worked are on demand? I mean, in other words call for service? Chief Berkow said, no, no, no. The Narcotics Team would be working their cases in this targeted area and so there's a combination, and I know Chief Gellatly used to do some of this, where if they can get a buy in a house, great, they get a buy. We pull the uniform people back. If they can't, we put a lot of uniform pressure on the house that makes it difficult for people to go and buy things. So it's a coordinated effort run by Lieutenant Lee. It was an attempt to target a very defined neighborhood for a specified period of time with the goal of reducing the part one crime by 15% in that neighborhood.

Commissioner Stone said, I understand what you're saying. I'm just curious to know how the other precincts fair in this as far as, you know, drug trafficking and the need for CNT agents in those areas. I'm just curious as to how it's determined that over half of the amount of hours are put in the Central Precinct.

Commander Harris said, this was, as the Chief said, [inaudible] units. They were not on regular patrol or assigned to precincts. We pulled a Sergeant out of Intelligence and when he sent the new folks over about 90 days ago, we actually started using those and put a couple of experienced investigators with them. So we ended up with three new people and two experienced investigators and an experienced Sergeant dedicated to working hand in hand with those people in the precinct. So we actually did not have anybody pulled out of normal stuff. These were new folks.

Chief Berkow said, it's all added on. It's not a zero subgame. It wasn't minus one.

Commissioner Stone said, I just wanted to make sure because I've had some calls recently for some suspicious drug activity in my district and I'm looking at the number of hours worked by zone, and mine is very low, and I just want to make sure that this is divided up fairly throughout Chatham County.

Commander Harris said, the other two tack teams would be handling calls like you would do when you Commissioners call. They're assigned to those folks that we already have on board, so we weren't really robbing Peter to pay Paul

here. It was a temporary addition that we were doing with the Chief and utilizing new people predominantly to go in there.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Odell said, Roy [Harris], I think that another way of looking at it is that you have a problem through Metro Drug Squad to concentrate on that problem. Just because they concentrate in a particular precinct doesn't mean that everyone who buys drugs is necessarily from that precinct and it doesn't mean that we're reducing the effectiveness in other precincts. It simply means that we have a problem, we can target a problem. It impacts the distribution of drugs throughout the community. I understand that to be what you're doing. I would like to see more chemical analysis on the drugs that are found, and what I mean specifically is that somebody in Savannah, Georgia, has more than one or two pieces of rock cocaine. Somebody's got more than that and I'm not certain if it's because of the economy and all if we can say that we had 50 people arrested and looking at the substance arrested, it's like a fingerprint. We can almost identify whether or not they're from the same batch, which might — Commander Harris said, no sir —. Commissioner Odell asked, you can't do that? Commander Harris said, no sir, we can't do that. We do analysis on all the drugs seized and there's several types. (A) We've got to prove that it is in fact through the Crime Lab scientist a drug —. Commissioner Odell said, right. Commander Harris said, — an illegal drug. Secondly, they do an analysis to see what the drug content is because with cocaine they mix something else with it, called stepping on the drug, which enhances your profit. If we had people using pure cocaine out on the street, we'd have a tremendous amount of deaths. Commissioner Odell said, oh, I agree. That wasn't my point. I guess my point is that in that the people who produce crack for the most part are not chemists. Commander Harris said, no, but anyone can do it. Commissioner Odell said, almost anyone can do it, but the end results would be that if you made a large batch, the added compounds would be hopefully consistent. It wouldn't be?

Chief Berkow said, it's not a chemical fingerprint. I understand exactly what you're getting at, sir. What we're actually engaged in, and perhaps this speaks to your issue, CNT, Metro and DEA are engaged in mapping the drug networks right now in Savannah. So we are looking back. We've actually gone back and brought some retired detectives and some other people together and we're identifying who did we arrest, when, and connected to who. We're actually mapping the drug network so as people come out of prison or somebody leaves and is replaced, we can start to identify the source. We're attacking — the very issue that you've raised is very important to us because we'll have some type of a crime occur and we're trying to figure out what is it in the drug world, and so we're trying to map that but we can't do that through the chemical analysis that you described. I'm unaware of any narcotic chemical fingerprint from the substance of drugs.

Commissioner Odell said, okay. The only reason why I mentioned that was that the level of purity and the additives are identifiable. They are inconsistent from batch to batch. So if the levels of additives and the level of cocaine are identifiable then you can determine the consistency from that particular batch. And maybe it's a moot point. Chief Berkow said, I've never see that done. Commissioner Odell said, I haven't either, but —. Commander Harris said, if we can get the lab to do it —. Chief Berkow said, yeah, I think right now we're hard pressed to get the lab to do cocaine. Commander Harris said, that's right. Commissioner Odell said, and it takes a whole lot of time to get a report back and we're fighting the war on drugs and not willing to spend much money on the war on drugs. But I will talk to the both of you about that at a later date.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to ask could you define for me the specific area in the West Chatham Precinct for me please. Commander Harris said, well, the predominant amount around 204 that we've been dealing with down at 204 close to 95 and then Quacco Road area, some of the trailer parks along in there we've had potential problems in, and then we've had some of the hotels along the 17 / Ogeechee Road Corridor are problematic, and we're working with both the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Metro on a couple of those hotels out there looking at the potential of actually federally seizing those, and that's some of the works that we have in process because of the continued criminal activity that goes on at them. Commissioner Thomas said, right. So where would you define the West Savannah area, what —? Commander Harris said, West Savannah, that's Precinct 1, West Chatham Precinct. Commissioner Thomas said, I know it's Precinct 1, but you didn't —. Commander Harris said, it runs from Ogeechee Road, I-16 all the way out to when you run into other municipalities, but the larger area is going to be down 17 and then the 204 Corridor.

Commissioner Kicklighter asked, so is West Savannah in West Chatham Precinct in this, is what she's asking? Commander Harris said, that's West Chatham Precinct. Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay, well where West Savannah be in, here's what she's asking? Commissioner Thomas said, no, which —. Commander Harris said, we don't have a West Savannah.

Chief Berkow asked, are you taking about Augusta Avenue, ma'am? Commissioner Thomas said, yes. Chief Berkow said, that would be Downtown Precinct.

Commissioner Thomas said, that's what I'm trying to define. Commander Harris said, I'm sorry. Commissioner Thomas said, because when, you know, a lot of times, they refer to themselves in West Savannah as West Chatham, so when you say West Chatham, I mean, you're talking about another ball game. We're getting a lot of complaints, and this is not the first time, and you've been there before, particularly in Burke Avenue, and that's an area, that area from Augusta Avenue to Burke Avenue, you really need to pick it up again because, I mean, it is widespread and we don't see the concentration that we once saw before, and we have a lot of elderly people there and they are very upset.

You know, I get a lot of calls. Chief Berkow said, we just ran a three-week operation right exactly where you're talking about, the Metro Police did, undercover, a combination of undercover and uniform for an extended period of time. Commissioner Thomas said, and, you know, they're every day. I ride through there everyday and you can see the concentration of these people, and they're very intimidating and you have a lot of elderly people that live in the area. They're afraid to even come out on their porch or whatever, so if we can kind of take another look at that and maybe — I know you can't be everywhere at all time, but we feel that we just need a little bit more concentration to kind of tone it down a little bit because if people are afraid to come out of their homes and what have you, you know, they are prisoners. Chief Berkow said, yes ma'am. Commissioner Thomas said, you know.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Thank you very much, Commander Harris, we appreciate that, and Chief Berkow. Thank you very much for all of the good work that y'all are doing.

Commander Harris asked, when will we know about the electronic — Commander Harris? Chairman Liakakis asked, Cmdr Harris? Commissioner Odell asked, when will we know about the electronic communication on the CNT Report to neighborhood associations? I made this recommendation because I really value this report, this is good. People need to know that we're actually not just set in steel, that we are conducting a war on drugs and trying to make a dent in it. We have encourage neighborhood associations to become developed, and I think it's an excellent method of communicating at the grass roots level with the people who need to have this information, and Russ [Abolt] has been scratching his head to talk.

County Manager Abolt said, fine idea. Commander Harris is doing the best he can. As you know, the MPC has helped us and we sent you a copy of a very extensive listing of all of these groups that might be best described as neighborhood groups, and Commander Harris is trying to do it economically so that we can do just what you want us to do. He'll also be with you on Monday night at Tatumville. Commissioner Odell said, yes, thank you.

Commander Harris said, we're working on verifying email addresses to do this and trying to determine if the group actually still exists or if they met, then somebody there will receive a report and disseminate it among the group. We're also going to remind them at any time they can go on the Chatham County website and review the report also because it's always up there.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that was going to be my recommendation.

Commander Harris said, I'm going to take a copy to every neighborhood association that I attend so they'll have it, but I know that we've been encouraging neighborhood associations. It might be a good way to communicate it. Commander Harris said, yes sir. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Shay.

Commissioner Shay said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to also commend Commander Harris for the address last week I believe it was to the Chatham Municipal Association. He did a brilliant job there, and if there's any doubt in anyone's mind that there's an active war on drugs in Chatham County, this man knows how to stand in front of a group of a hundred people and quote Sun Tzu, and Sun Tzu wrote the book, okay.

Chatham~Savannah
Counter Narcotics Team
Monthly Report
May 2009

UNDERCOVER AGENT/CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION BUYS	
Buys	Number
Undercover (Agent) Buys	3
Confidential Information Buys	34

NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS*	
Investigations:	Number
Investigations Initiated During the month	12
Active Joint Investigations with other agencies (DEA, ATF, IRS, etc.)	7
Total Number of Investigations Cleared (Arrest, E.C., Unfounded)	7

• Not including on-view arrests

DRUGS SEIZED			
Drug Type	Value	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	72.00 Grams	\$7,200.00
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	307.00 Grams	\$30,700.00
Methamphetamine	\$100 per gram**	0	0
Marijuana	\$140 per ounce*	265.00 Ounces	\$37,100.00
Heroin	\$250 per gram*	.25 Grams	62.50
Ecstasy	\$25 Dosage Unit	54 D/U	\$1,350.00
Misc. Pills	\$5 per D/U	123 D/U	\$615.00

* 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

DRUGS PURCHASED			
Drug Type	Value	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	52.00 Grams	\$5,200.00
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	61.00 Grams	\$6,100.00
Methamphetamine	\$100 per gram**	0	0
Marijuana	\$140 per ounce*	5.0 Ounces	\$700.00
Heroin	\$250 per gram*	N/A	N/A
Ecstasy	\$25 Dosage Unit	142 D/U	\$3,550.00
Misc. Pills	\$5 per D/U	40 D/U	\$200.00

* 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

WEAPONS SEIZED	
Firearms (including hand guns and long guns)	8

PERSONS ARRESTED*	
Felony*	14
Sales/Trafficking	20
Misdemeanor	2
Non-Drug**	5
Total Arrests	42

*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)	\$10,382.00
US Currency Awarded	\$3,000.00
Motor Vehicles Seized (Initiated forfeiture proceedings)	N/A
Motor Vehicles Awarded	2003 Chevrolet Monte Carlo 2007 Suzuki Motor Cycle
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
05/03/09	Tybee Island Police Dept	Possession Controlled Substance W/Intent

DRUG COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED		
Drug Complaints	Received	Assigned
Project Log/Official Complaints	2	2
Hot Line / Call-In Complaints	15	15

Green Sheets/ Outside Agencies	4	4
Crime Stopper Complaints	25	22

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. On 5-1-2009, Investigators conducted a joint investigation with Army CID resulting in the arrest of a U.S. Army soldier, one civilian and the seizure of 130 pills of ecstasy and crack cocaine.
2. On 5-14-2009, while executing two arrest warrants, Investigators were able to seize over two ounces of powder cocaine and arrest three subjects
3. On 05-19-2009, Investigations, with the assistance of the Pooler Police Department, arrested three subjects in Pooler for selling prescription medication. Additional pills were seized during the arrests. These subjects were known for this type of activity and the Police Department and CNT had been receiving complaints about their drug activity.
4. On 05-20-2009, The Southside Optimist Club presented agent Charles Guyer of the Port Wentworth Police Department with the "Agent of the Year" award. In addition, agents Michelle Halford, Michael Epley, and GBI agent Paul Smith were also recognized.
5. On 05-20-2009, Investigations responded to a call for assistance from SCMPD involving a subject with a syringe of an unknown liquid. Agents responded and after talking with the subject, he admitted that the syringe contained a mixture of Heroin and Methodone. The substance was seized and the subject was arrested for possession of Heroin.
6. On 05-21-2009, Investigations along with agents from the Tactical Team, SCMPD, and CCSD K-9 executed two search warrants on East 37th Street after a joint investigation with the FBI. Upon entry into one of the residences it was found that it was "booby trapped" with some type of acid and it was knocked over upon entry. The residence was secured and the Savannah Fire Department responded due to a heavy chemical odor and visible vapor. The target of the investigation was arrested as he was exiting the residence and had an additional vial of acid on his person along with approximately \$2,300 in currency. A search of the residence produced over an ounce of crack cocaine, over 40 pills of ecstasy, marijuana, scales, and other packaging materials. Four subjects were arrested from both locations and the target was on parole from a previous drug arrest.
7. On 05-27-2009, agent Delatorre was in the area of a lookout given for a burglary suspect by SCMPD dispatch. He observed the suspect and while attempting to apprehend him, the suspect started to pull a gun from his waist. Agent Delatorre was able to apprehend him without incident. The subject was a juvenile and the firearm was reported stolen.
8. On 5-27-2009, CNT was awarded several items seized in a recent joint federal investigation . This included \$3000 in currency, a 2003 Chevrolet Monte Carlo (with hidden compartments) and a 2004 Suzuki SXR motorcycle.

**DRUG INVESTIGATION
HOURS WORKED BY ZONE**

SCMPD – West Chatham Precinct	207
SCMPD – Downtown Precinct	184
SCMPD – Central Precinct	372
SCMPD – Central Precinct/Neighborhood Task Force	520
SCMPD – Southside Precinct	134
SCMPD – Islands Precinct	101
TOTAL	1518

Garden City	92
Port Wentworth	29
Bloomingtondale	17
Pooler	110
Thunderbolt	17
Tybee Island	28
TOTAL	293

Administrative Hours	840
Case Administration	658
Out of County (Task Force Operations, etc.)	31

Assistance Rendered to Outside Agencies	87
Training	283
Court Hours	47
TOTAL	1946
 Total Hours Worked	 3757

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5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF A REVISED FISCAL YEAR 2009/2010 MILLAGE LEVY.

County Manager Abolt said, again Mr. Chairman, as mentioned in premeeting, because of the delay not of our making but of the Legislature in submitting the digest, it is necessary to reschedule two public hearings in advance of your dealing with the issue of rollback millage, and that would move the schedule as contained in the package as Item #2. A simple motion on your part to do that would make it legal.

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

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

Chairman Liakakis said, let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve a revised Fiscal Year 2009/2010 millage levy. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-5
AGENDA DATE: June 12, 2009

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

ISSUE: To request board approval of a revised Fiscal Year 2009 / 2010 Millage Levy Calendar.

BACKGROUND: The Budget Adoption and Millage Levy Calendar are approved by the Board each fiscal year to facilitate timely adoption of the budget and the millage levy.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

The FY 2009/2010 (July 1, 2009 thru June 30, 2010) Budget Adoption and Millage Levy calendar was approved by the Board at their meeting held January 16, 2009. The calendar anticipated receipt of 2009 digest information by June 1, 2009. Digest information was not available on that date.

A revised Millage Levy calendar is attached. The date for the two public hearings has been moved from June 23, 2009 to July 7, 2009. Adoption of the millage rates has been moved from the July 10, 2009 meeting to the July 23, 2009 meeting. The revised dates are shown in bold on the attached schedule.

The State of Georgia may enforce penalties against counties who do not submit their digest by August 1st.

FUNDING:
 N / A

ALTERNATIVES:

- (1) Approve the revised FY 2009 / 2010 Millage Levy Calendar.
- (2) Amend the calendar.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The calendar provides for levy of millage rates to allow for timely submission of the tax digest to the Department of Revenue.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

PREPARED BY: Read DeHaven
Read DeHaven

CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA BUDGET CALENDAR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2009 THRU JUNE 30, 20 10			
ORIGINAL DATE	REVISED DATE	BUDGET ACTIVITY	TAX DIGEST PROCESS
October 1, 2008		FY 2010 / 2014 Capital budget Packages distributed.	
November 3, 2008		FY 2010 / 2014 Capital budget Requests due from departments.	
November 17, 2008 – November 21, 2008		CIP Committee convenes to rate projects.	
December 1, 2008 – December 5, 2008		Finalize FY 2010 / 2014 CIP - Identify emergency projects / finalize priorities.	
December 1, 2008 – January 5, 2009		Prepare FY 2010 / 2014 CIP Workbook.	
January 16, 2009		Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2010 Budget Calendar to Board for approval. Five-year CIP Plan submitted to Board	Year 2009 Millage Levy Calendar to Board for approval. Once approved, notice sent to Board of Education on Millage Levy Calendar.
January 27, 2009 February 5, 2009		Revenue / Expenditure Data Entry Training with Departments	
January 26, 2009 – February 27, 2009		Goal Setting: Board of County Commissioners / County Manager	
February 2, 2009		Expanded Staff Meeting to kick-off FY 2009 / 2010 budget process. FY 2009 / 2010 Budget Request packages distributed.	
February 6 , 2009		Revenue estimates due from departments.	
February 9, 2009 - March 16, 2009		Complete Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/10 revenue estimates. All Funds	
February 13, 2009		Budget Request Packages due from departments.	
February 16, 2009 - March 27, 2009		Analyze departmental budget requests/hold conference with Department Heads/Budget Staff (to run concurrent w/staff analysis).	
March 9, 2009 - March 27, 2009		Budget reviews begins- County Manager/Department Heads/Budget Staff (to run concurrent w/staff analysis).	
March 30, 2009 - April 17, 2009		Prepare budget workbooks for County Manager and Board of Commissioners - Final Internal Review by Finance Director-Budget Staff.	
April 20, 2009		Advertisement to Savannah News Press for availability of proposed budget/public hearing.	
April 20, 2009 - April 30, 2009		Final proposed budget goes to Printer.	
May 8, 2009		Advertise availability of proposed budget and May 22, 2009 public hearing (State Law). Proposed budget document and budget message are transmitted to the Board.	
May 11, 2009 - June 12, 2009		Board Workshops	
May 20, 2009		Advertise adoption FY 2009 / 2010 Budget.	
May 22, 2009		Board conducts public hearing at regular Commission meeting.	
June 1, 2009	June 15, 2009		Year 2009 Digest provided to Finance for Millage Levy calculations.
June 8, 2009 - June 12, 2009		Final review/revisions of Proposed Budget by the Board.	
June 12, 2009	June 26, 2009		Advertisement of 5-year history to newspaper (July 7, 2009 publication as required by State Law).
June 11, 2009	June 25, 2009		Advertise 1st and 2nd Public Hearing on Millage Levy to be held on July 7th at 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

June 23 , 2009	July 7, 2009		Hold 1st and 2nd Public Hearing on Millage Levy - 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
June 24 , 2009	July 7, 2009		Advertise year 2009 Tax Digest and 5-year history (two weeks prior to millage levy as required by State Law - House Bill 66, Act. No. 478).
June 26, 200 9	July 10, 2009	Adoption of FY 2009 / 2010 budget by County Commissioners.	Year 2009 Tax Digest and 5-year history to Board as information.
June 26 , 2009 - September 24, 2009		Prepare 2009 / 2010 budget book and complete FY 2009 / 2010 budget document.	
June 29, 2009	July 10, 2009		Advertise 3rd Public Hearing on Millage Levy to be held on July 23 rd at 9:30 a.m.
July 1, 2009		Beginning of Fiscal Year 2009 / 2010 - budget goes into effect.	
July 10, 2009	July 23, 2009		(1) Hold 3rd Public Hearing on Millage Levy at 9:30 a.m. (2) Adoption of year 2009 Chatham County M&O, SSD and Chatham Area Transit Millage Levy by the County Commissioners.
July 23 , 2009			Adoption of Year 2009 Board of Education Millage Levy by the County Commissioners.
July 27 , 2009			Tax Digest to Atlanta
August 1, 2009			State Penalty assessed if digest not submitted to the State.
September 24, 2009		Deadline for submission of adopted budget document for GFOA Award.	

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X. ACTION CALENDAR

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

Chairman Liakakis said, we have Items 1 and under Item 4 we have Items A through double-I. Give me the numbers of the items you'd like to withhold at this particular point before we do the voting and then we'll go to those.

Commissioner Farrell said, double-G.

County Manager Abolt said, please Mr. Chairman, as you would as you handle this, at the request of staff just take off double-H and double-I.

Chairman Liakakis said, oh, double-G, okay. We've got double-G also.

County Manager Abolt said, the last two items should be removed from the Purchasing Report, double-H and double-I.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, with your permission I'd like to pull Item B. Chairman Liakakis said, D. Commissioner Kicklighter said, B, as in boy —. Chairman Liakakis said, yes. Commissioner Kicklighter said, and Item FF, and I'd like to handle both of those together if possible, please sir.

Chairman Liakakis asked, any other items? Okay. Alright then, we need a vote on all items except B and FF.

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

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Items 4-HH and 4-II were removed from consideration by the Board at the request of staff.
- b. Commissioner Thomas moved to approve Items 1 through 4-GG, except Items 4-B and 4-FF. Commissioners Stone and Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

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1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 22, 2009, AS MAILED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 22, 2009. Commissioners Stone and Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD MAY14 THROUGH JUNE 3, 2009.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period May 14, 2009, through June 3, 2009, in the amount of \$6,270,156. Commissioners Stone and Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF A REQUEST TO ABATE TAXES ON PROPERTY ACQUIRED FOR PUBLIC USE BY THE CITY OF TYBEE ISLAND.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve a request to abate taxes on property acquired for public use by the City of Tybee Island. Commissioners Stone and Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-3
AGENDA DATE: June 12, 2009

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Patrick Monahan, Asst. County Manager

ISSUE:

Board approval of a request to abate taxes on property acquired for public use by the City of Tybee Island.

BACKGROUND:

During the February 27 meeting, the Board approved extinguishing taxes on three parcels which the City of Tybee Island acquired for its ownership and public use. The correct action should have been an abatement of the taxes.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. Under Georgia law, the owner of record as of January 1 must pay the property taxes, but closing documents agree to a pro-ration. In the instances of Tybee's acquisition of properties, the conveyances occurred with the expectation that taxes would be resolved at closing or pro-rated based on the municipality's ownership. Georgia law does not recognize any mid-year or mid-term exemptions despite Chatham County's or the municipality's ownership.
2. On Parcel 1 (PIN 4-0006 -11-009), Tybee Island received property on Jones Avenue from the Tybee Island Land Trust, a Georgia non-profit corporation. Because the Land Trust remains tax exempt, the City of Tybee Island did not anticipate any taxes. Since the Land Trust, which only owned the land for a few years, did not apply for an exemption, taxes accumulated prior to Tybee Island's ownership. Tybee Island did not discover the error until 2005. Taxes total \$4,062.

3. On Parcel 2 (PIN 4-0021-06-002), the Chatham County Recreation Authority issued bonds for purchase of a campground, which the City of Tybee Island entered into an unconditional guarantee to pay annual debt service. The seller paid the first installment taxes, but the City of Tybee Island did not anticipate that second installment taxes would accrue. Tybee erroneously assumed municipal ownership would provide sufficient exemption, but state law does not provide for any mid-year exemption. Taxes total \$28,452.
4. On Parcel 3 (PIN 4-0003-07-008), Tybee Island accepted property by private donation on 5th Avenue. Taxes total \$2,845.
5. The Tax Commissioner's Office and County Attorney's Office have reviewed the proposed action and concur in the procedure to resolve because of the property's use now and in the future for public purposes.

FUNDING:

Tax Commissioner's funds.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board authorize abating taxes for PIN 4-0006 -11-009 as property received from the Tybee Island Land Trust; for PIN 4-0021 -06-002 for property held by the Recreation Authority for a campground; and for PIN 4-0003-07-008) for property received as a donation.
2. That the Board do not authorize a refund of any individual parcel.
3. That the Board take no action.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Though not a specific error, the abatement avoids City of Tybee Island from paying taxes on property held in ownership by a municipal corporation, which otherwise should be exempt.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

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4. 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. Engineering services contract to conduct a Storm Water Utility Feasibility Study	Public Works and Park Services	Ecological Planning Group (WBE)	\$24,970	CIP - County wide drainage
B. Contract for the Little Neck Road culvert replacement at Henderson Canal	Engineering	TIC - The Industrial Company	\$713,419	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Drainage - Gateway/Henderson project
C. Contract to construct an access road for Kingsway Canal Drainage Improvement project	Engineering	Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc. (MBE)	\$18,500	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Kingsway Canal Drainage Improvement project
D. Contract for the Louis Mills/ Redgate Canal Drainage Improvement project	Engineering	Pine Valley Concrete Company, Inc.	\$761,068	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Drainage, Louis Mills/Redgate/Rahn Dairy Canal project
E. Reroof, paint and carpentry repairs at the Resource Conservation Education Center	Public Works and Park Services	Keith Ray Construction, Inc.	\$14,780	DSA Series 1999 Bond - Citizens Service Center - Buildings

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
F. Replacement office furniture for the K-9 unit	Sheriff	VIP Office Furniture and Supply (WBE)	\$22,073	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff
G. Emergency generator for the Firing Range/ Training facility	Sheriff	East Coast Electric	\$22,619 \$22,669 (correction)	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff
H. Purchase and installation of a heating ventilation and air conditioning unit	C.N.T.	Erickson Associates, Inc.	\$13,150	General Fund/M&O - C.N.T.
I. Storm View, GEO-DATA Connect and GIS Director software including maintenance agreement	Public Works and Park Services	Cartegraph, Inc.	\$14,585	CIP - County wide drainage
J. Annual software license and maintenance agreement	I.C.S.	Sungard Public Sector, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$60,975	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
K. 12 computers, 12 monitors, 12 laptop computers	District Attorney	Dell Marketing (State Contract)	\$37,337	General Fund/M&O - District Attorney
L. Software licenses	District Attorney	Dell Marketing (State Contract)	\$18,004	General Fund/M&O - District Attorney
M. 13 computers	Tax Commissioner	Dell Marketing (State Contract)	\$13,000	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
N. Change Order No. 2 to the annual contract to provide lot maintenance to increase the scope of services and man hours	Public Works and Park Services	Complete Lawn Care	\$200	Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund
O. Replacement water storage tank at the Savannah Ports Authority Industrial Park	Public Works and Park Services	PINCO	\$44,700	Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund
P. Change Order No. 3 to the annual contract for waste disposal services	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Republic Waste Services, Inc.	\$1,644	•Solid Waste Restricted •Utilities Disposal
Q. Task Order contract to provide fencing for County projects	Engineering	R.W. Moore Fence Company	Not to Exceed \$200,000	•SPLOST (1985-1993) •SPLOST (1998-2003) •SPLOST (2003-2008) •Land Bank
R. Change Order No. 2 to the annual contract to provide laser jet toner service to recognize a manufacturer imposed price increase	Various	Media South Computer Supplies, Inc.	Varies by item	•General Fund/M&O •SSD - Various
S. Purchase and installation of carpet for various areas on the 3 rd floor of the Administrative and Legislative Courthouse	Finance	CAD'S Home Improvement	\$14,010	General Fund/M&O - Finance
T. Cisco network equipment	I.C.S.	Entre Solutions (MBE)	\$334,464	•General Fund/M&O - Communications •SPLOST (2003-2008) - Courthouse Renovations
U. Power Distribution Unit cabinets	I.C.S.	Entre Solutions (MBE)	\$13,308	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Courthouse Renovations

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
V. Two (2) UPS systems	I.C.S.	Entre Solution (MBE)	\$96,471	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Courthouse Renovations
W. Annual software maintenance for 2007/2008	I.C.S.	ESRI, Inc.	\$24,644	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
X. Annual software maintenance for 2009/2010	I.C.S.	ESRI, Inc.	\$39,493	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
Y. MapVision software	Mosquito Control	Leading Edge Associates, LLC	\$21,000	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Z. One (1) 2009 Ford E-350, 15 passenger van	Detention Center	J. C. Lewis Ford	\$20,548	CIP - Detention Center
AA. One (1) 2009 Ford E-250 cargo van	Savannah Chatham Metropolitan Police	J. C. Lewis Ford	\$15,057 \$15,957 (correction)	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Vehicle Replacement Fund - SSD
BB. One (1) 2009 Ford Taurus	Savannah Chatham Metropolitan Police	J. C. Lewis Ford	\$21,120	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Vehicle Replacement Fund - SSD
CC. One (1) 2009 F-150 4x4 pickup truck and authorize disposal of one (1) vehicle to be used as a trade-in	Public Works and Park Services	J. C. Lewis Ford	\$21,995	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Vehicle Replacement Fund - SSD
DD. Four (4) non-typical type vehicles	Savannah Chatham Metropolitan Police	•Dan Vaden Chevrolet •Grainger Honda	•\$49,091 •\$14,472	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Vehicle Replacement Fund - SSD
EE. One (1) 2009 F-350 long bed pickup truck with modifications to include a Knapheide body and crane	Mosquito Control	J. C. Lewis Ford	\$58,495	•CIP - Vehicle Replacement - \$34,582 •General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control \$23,913
FF. Contract for the demolition of three (3) buildings at Dean Forest Road for the Hardin Canal project	Engineering	JCS Construction Services	\$19,025	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Hardin Canal project
GG. EPD recommended remediation work at the Sharon Park Landfill	Public Works and Park Services	Advanced Environmental Management	\$10,891	Solid Waste
HH. Increase assigned department vehicles and authorize purchase of two (2) Ford Crown Victoria models	District Attorney	J. C. Lewis Ford Aiken Ford (correction)	\$47,680	General Fund/M&O - District Attorney
II. Purchase and installation of emergency equipment for ten (10) investigator vehicles	District Attorney	West Chatham Warning Devices	\$18,124	General Fund/M&O - District Attorney

As to items 4-HH and 4-II:

Items 4-HH and 4-II were removed from consideration by the Board at the request of staff.

As to Items 4-A through 4-GG, except Items 4-B and 4-FF:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve Items 4-A through 4-GG, except Items 4-B and 4-FF. Commissioners Stone and Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

As to Items 4-B and 4-FF:

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have \$713,000 here that we're about to approve and I'd like for the engineering staff to explain exactly what we're doing to help drainage problems on Henderson.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Davenport, Assistant County Engineer.

Mr. Leon Davenport said, yes sir. I'm going to refer to Mr. Bill Uhl to answer your drainage project questions.

Mr. Bill Uhl said, thank you, Leon [Davenport]. The project, if I could describe it real quickly, involves replacing an existing box culvert that has approximately 48 square feet of flow area with a new bottomless culvert structure that has over twice as much flow area. It also has a lower invert elevation. It will be a single span structure as opposed to a double span structure, so this structure will not only greatly improve the hydraulic capacity of the drainage system, but it will also provide an opportunity to reduce the maintenance required because a single structure will not catch the debris as the existing one. So I think it's a wonderful project. I'm looking forward to it being passed this afternoon.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. And one more question for you leave. Item FF — let's see —.

Chairman Liakakis said, contract for the demolition of three buildings at Dean Forest Road for the Hardin Canal project.

Mr. Davenport said, yes sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, if you would just please explain, we're spending \$19,000, this is definitely a step towards helping the drainage problems in Dr. Thomas' area as well as my area over there near Southbridge and everything and running with this canal all the way up through Bloomingdale.

Mr. Davenport said, these demolitions are part of the acquisitions for properties that we did specifically just for this Hardin Canal project on Dean Forest, and this will be a first step in getting the project ready for letting, which we hope to do by this Fall, that will be replacement of the culverts that are under Harden Canal — well, the Hardin Canal under Dean Forest. We've got a couple of smaller 36-inch pipes in one location and a single in another and we'll be going to some much larger bottomless [inaudible] culverts which span about 40 feet, give or take, about 10-foot high which should allow that canal to operate naturally as opposed to, which Dean Forest as you well know and the citizens of Southbridge will know, sort of acts as a dam, and this should allow that, you know, to work much better. The total effect will be pretty much synchronize it, come in and out of it like it should.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right. So they can, with the future action there, although we're still running into problems I guess with the Corps of Engineers with permitting the park in Southbridge, this should help eliminate some of the problems in that area. Mr. Davenport said, definitely and tentatively right now we're looking at, like I said, we'll be letting that project in the Fall, a surcharge works and dirt-workers work will be done with the project. The actual culvert replacement should occur next Summer, actual road closure we've got planned in conjunction with the DOT to do that while school's out.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well, this is two great projects and I wanted to just highlight it for the residents living in that area, and I thank the Commission as well as the people who voted to spend the monies during the past SPLOST vote. So, thank you, and with that I'll make a motion to approve. Commissioner Shay said, second. Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second to approve Items B and FF. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Items 4-HH and 4-II were removed from consideration by the Board at the request of staff.
- b. Commissioner Thomas moved to approve Items 4-A through 4-GG, except Items 4-B and 4-FF. Commissioners Stone and Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- c. Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve Items 4-B and 4-FF. Commissioners Shay and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-4 A thru II
AGENDA DATE: JUNE 12, 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 to award a \$24,970 engineering services contract to Ecological Planning Group of Savannah, Georgia to conduct a Storm Water Utility Feasibility Study for Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: Staff is exploring the opportunity to develop a Storm Water Utility for Unincorporated Chatham County that could create a dedicated and restricted funding source that establishes a formal plan of action and an implementation strategy to operate a Storm Water Management Program. The solicitation request is only for a feasibility study. The results of the study will be formally presented to the Board as information. Any action beyond the study will be presented to the Board for approval.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The County's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit with the State of Georgia has increased the need for an active Storm Water Management Program.
2. A Storm Water Utility has been set up and functioning for Garden City and the City of Hinesville as a dedicated source of revenue to fund Storm Water Management. There are 24 other utilities in the State of Georgia.
3. A Request for Quotation was prepared and properly advertised and three (3) quotes were received on 19 May 2009 as follows:

*	Ecological Planning Group Savannah, GA	\$24,970
	Thomas and Hutton Engineering Company Savannah, GA	\$49,500
	AMEC Earth and Environmental, Inc. Morrisville, NC	\$79,715

*WBE firm

4. Staff reviewed the quote and references submitted by Ecological Planning Group and believes their quote to be fair and reasonable. Ecological Planning Group has worked on over 15 Storm Water Utility Feasibility Studies in Georgia.

FUNDING: CIP - County Wide Drainage
(3504250 - 54.14031 - 35038227)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$24,970 engineering services contract to Ecological Planning Group of Savannah, Georgia to conduct a Storm Water Utility Feasibility Study for Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$713,419 contract with TIC - The Industrial Company, for the Little Neck Road Culvert Replacement at Henderson Canal project.

BACKGROUND: The Gateway/Henderson Drainage project is a part of the Chatham County Drainage Improvement Program. Problems to be addressed include the limited drainage capacity of the of the existing canal and several of the golf cart crossings over the canal.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The project is located along Little Neck Road near the Henderson Golf Community area of Unincorporated Chatham County. Problems associated along the existing Henderson Canal drainage system include overtopping of AI Henderson Boulevard and the Brown Thrush Road area. These problems are attributed to the low elevations near the AI Henderson Blvd./ Brown Thrush intersection and the limited drainage capacity of the existing canal and bridge structures.
2. Recommendations developed by a consultant include widening of the Henderson Canal and replacing two (2) golf cart crossing structures to increase capacity. Staff has accepted this recommendation based on flood reduction benefits, cost and anticipated permitting requirements of the US Army Corps of Engineers.
3. The project was properly advertised and five (5) bids were received and opened 12 May 2009. The responses are as follows:

TIC -The Industrial Company Savannah, GA	\$ 713,419
* E&D Contracting Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$ 727,116
Griffin Contracting, Inc. Pooler, GA	\$ 752,873
R.B. Baker Construction, Inc. Garden City, GA	\$ 773,546
Alpha Construction Co., Inc. Savannah, GA	\$ 927,787

* WBE firm

4. Staff reviewed the bids and believes the price from TIC -The Industrial Company is a reasonable cost for the work involved and that the bid is responsive to the needs of the County.

FUNDING: SPLOST (1998 - 2003) - Drainage - Gateway/Henderson project
(3224250 - 54.14021 - 32280357)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$713,419 contract with TIC - The Industrial Company, for the Little Neck Road Culvert Replacement at Henderson Canal project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$18,500 contract to Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc. to construct an access road for Kingsway Canal Drainage Improvement project.

BACKGROUND: The Kingsway Canal Drainage Improvement project is a part of the 1998 - 2003, SPLOST, County Drainage Program. The County completed the downstream portion of the drainage improvements as a part of the Truman Parkway project. The project is located in the Kings Wood Subdivision in Unincorporated Chatham County.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The project is to construct an access road along the existing drainage ditch for maintenance purposes.
2. Written quotes were requested from several local firms for this project. Three (3) quotes were received. Responses are as follows:

*	Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc. Hardeeville, SC	\$18,500
*	High Tide Construction, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$20,575
**	Hoffman Environmental Services, Inc. Garden City, GA	\$35,191

* MBE firm

** WBE firm

3. Staff reviewed the quotes and believes the price quoted by Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc. is a reasonable cost for the work involved and that the bid is responsive to the needs of the County.

FUNDING: SPLOST (1998 - 2003) - Kingsway Canal Drainage Improvement project
(3224250 - 54.14021 - 32280237)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$18,500 contract to Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc. to construct an access road for Kingsway Canal Drainage Improvement project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$761,068 contract with Pine Valley Concrete Co., Inc. for the Louis Mills/Redgate Canal Drainage Improvement project.

BACKGROUND: The Louis Mills/Redgate Drainage Improvement project is part of the SPLOST Drainage Capital Improvement Program. In 2008 this project and an adjacent culvert replacement beneath the railroad was advertised. Bids received exceeded the funds available and the Board approved rejection of all bids. The culvert crossing was subsequently deleted from the project and bids were solicited in April 2009.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The project is located in Unincorporated Chatham County east of Garrard Avenue and south of Louis Mills Boulevard. The major drainage problems are inadequately sized ditches and culverts, and access that is limited to dry weather when the access road is passable. The project will improve drainage capacity by widening the channel, installing larger culverts and providing an all-weather access road for maintenance operations.
2. The Louis Mills/Redgate canal system drains through a railroad culvert beneath the CSX Railroad, and into canals across Hunter Army Airfield (HAAF). As a part of the Westlake Drainage Improvement Project, the County constructed improvements to the canal on HAAF and upgrades to two (2) bridges. This work was completed in 2002 in anticipation of the Louis Mills/Redgate improvements.
3. This project was properly advertised and eight (8) bids were received and opened 30 April 2009. The responses are as follows:

Pine Valley Concrete Co., Inc. Meansville, GA	\$ 761,068
Terry R. Lee Contracting Co., Inc. Hardeeville, SC	\$ 906,144
Delmonico Atlanta, GA	\$ 914,133
R.B. Baker Construction, Inc. Garden City, GA	\$ 934,544
* Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc. Hardeeville, SC	\$ 965,795
TIC (The Industrial Company) Savannah, GA	\$1,090,976
Griffin Contracting, Inc. Pooler, GA	\$1,187,626
** E&D Contracting Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$1,225,541

* MBE firm
** WBE firm

4. Staff reviewed the bids quoted and believes the price quoted by Pine Valley Concrete Co., Inc. is a reasonable cost for the work involved and that the bid is responsive to the needs of the County.

FUNDING: SPLOST (1998 - 2003) - Drainage, Louis Mills/Redgate/Rahn Dairy Canal project
(3224250 - 54.14021 - 32280377)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$761,068 contract with Pine Valley Concrete Co., Inc. for the Louis Mills/Redgate Canal Drainage Improvements project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval of \$14,780 to reroof, paint and carpentry repairs at the Chatham County Resource Conservation Education Center located at 1321 Eisenhower Drive from Keith Ray Construction of Thunderbolt, Georgia.

BACKGROUND: This project is the second phase of renovation and continued reuse of the old Mosquito Control complex. As with the first phase, reroofing, painting and carpentry repairs are required to restore this 50 plus year old building as an acceptable facility for occupancy.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. The building's roof must be repaired by installing new decking, felt and shingles. The old T1-11 siding will be removed and new hardy T1-11 will be installed. The building will be repainted to match the Resource Conservation Education Center (administration building). Various carpentry repairs will be accomplished to insure the building is safe and secure.
- 2. The project was properly advertised and six (6) quotes were received on 22 May 2009. The results of the quotes are as follows:

Keith Ray Construction, Inc. Thunderbolt, GA	\$14,780
The House Doctor Savannah, GA	\$22,475
* RPI Residential, Inc. Richmond Hill, GA	\$24,500
Johnson Construction Savannah, GA	\$25,937
Kerby Enterprises, Inc. Bloomingdale, GA	\$32,523
* E & D Contracting Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$32,887
* WBE firm	

- 3. Staff reviewed the quote and references submitted by Keith Ray Construction, Inc. and believes their quote to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: DSA Series 1999 Bond - Citizens Service Center - Buildings
(3601565 - 54.13011 - 36031107)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of \$14,780 to reroof, paint and carpentry repairs at the Chatham County Resource Conservation Education Center located at 1321 Eisenhower Drive from Keith Ray Construction of Thunderbolt, Georgia.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
TOM DRANE

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$22,073 purchase for replacement office furniture from VIP Office Furniture & Supply, Savannah, GA., for the Sheriff's Department K-9 Unit.

BACKGROUND: The Chatham County K-9 Unit is the premier training agency in the Southeast. This unit was formed with grant funding which didn't allocate funds for the purchase of furniture. The office furniture is needed to replace the mix and match pieces currently in use. The K-9 Unit is a multi-regional training facility, and it is not unusual to receive visitors or dignitaries from the State or Federal level. The overall impression does not reflect the quality of training being provided.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

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

* VIP Office Furniture & Supply Savannah, GA	\$ 22,073
Mason/Office Furniture USA Savannah, GA	\$ 23,697
Staples Savannah, GA	\$ 25,676

*WBE firm
2. Furniture includes; four (4) free standing desks, four (4) corner desks, two (2) straight desks, one (1) credenza, 20 drawer pedestals, ten (10) overhead storage, one (1) large 5-shelf bookcase, three (3) guest chairs, eight (8) bridges and six (6) partitions.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$22,073 for the purchase of office furniture to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$22,073 purchase for replacement office furniture from VIP Office Furniture & Supply, Savannah, GA., for the Sheriff's Department K-9 Unit.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve expenditures necessary for law enforcement activities.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$22,619 purchase of an emergency generator from East Coast Electric, Savannah, GA., for the Sheriff's Department Firing Range/Training Facility.

BACKGROUND: The training facility is located in a fairly remote area of the Sheriff's Complex. The power that supplies this area comes from the temporary electrical lines used during the construction of Juvenile Court and the County Police Facility. The power lines are easily knocked out during storms and heavy winds, thus making the power supply unreliable. The training facility provides training for various agencies throughout the State and it is imperative that power is maintained.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

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

East Coast Electric Savannah, GA	\$ 22,619
Power and Data Assoc. Garden City, GA	\$ 27,826

Yancy Power System
Pooler, GA \$ 30,200

2. Staff believes the total cost of a \$22,619 for the purchase of an emergency generator to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$22,619 purchase of an emergency generator from East Coast Electric, Savannah, GA., for the Sheriff's Department Firing Range/Training Facility.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve expenditures necessary for law enforcement activities.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$13,150 purchase and installation of a Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning Unit from Erickson Associates, Inc. at Building 7 warehouse for C.N.T

BACKGROUND: When C.N.T relocated to its current location, Erickson Associates Inc. inspected and serviced the HVAC unit on the main building. C.N.T. has a warehouse next to Building 7 to use as an additional work area. This area is being rebuilt and used to work on vehicles for hidden compartments, store crime evidence and technical surveillance platform.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Erickson Associates, Inc. is the original installer of the HVAC unit on Building 7. This additional unit will be connected to the current unit to cover the warehouse attached to Building 7.
2. Staff believes the cost of \$13,150 is fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund M&O - C.N.T.
(1003222 – 53.17009)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$13,150 purchase and installation of a Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning Unit from Erickson Associates, Inc. at Building 7 warehouse for C.N.T
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide a satisfactory working environment throughout the various County departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM I

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$14,585 sole source purchase of StormView Software, GEO-DATA Connect and GIS Director including maintenance from Cartegraph, Inc. for Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: The County is obligated by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit to maintain an inventory of all drainage structures including, but not limited to, inlets, outlets, ditches, manholes, culverts, etc. In addition, every known structure must undergo inspections to document the condition and location. The County must maintain a log of all maintenance and repairs completed on individual drainage structures and systems within the County's jurisdiction. This process allows the County to be in compliance with the requirements of their NPDES Permit. The County Engineer's office has hired a consulting firm to capture the inventory into a GIS format.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Cartegraph has developed StormView software, a comprehensive database module specifically designed for managing the inventory, and maintenance and mapping of all the component parts of the storm water network. Public Works and Park Services has been utilizing Cartegraph WorkDirector as a database system for managing and maintaining information regarding infrastructure work orders for the past eight (8) years. Recently, Public Works purchased the PavementView software module from Cartegraph that will allow staff to manage and prioritize resurfacing and roadway repairs through monitoring of pavement conditions on the roadway systems throughout Chatham County.
2. Public Works needs to add the StormView module, along with GEOData Connect and GIS Director, which will allow staff to connect the storm drainage structure data to geographical map points that can then generate a map with a work order when repair or maintenance is done to a drainage structure or system. The system will also allow permit staff to maintain a photographic legacy record of the on-going progressive field conditions of drainage structures and systems in order to support the inspection documentation submitted to Georgia Environmental Protection Division. (GA EPD). GA EPD requires that the County maintain a separate inventory of inspections and maintenance and repair performed on all drainage structures and systems within the County's jurisdiction in order to be in compliance with the requirements of their NPDES Permit.
3. Utilizing the StormView and associated software purchase proposed will facilitate the capturing of the reporting and documentation requirements of the GA EPD.

FUNDING: CIP - County Wide Drainage
(3504250 - 54.24001 - 35038222)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$14,585 sole source purchase of StormView Software, GEO-DATA Connect and GIS Director including maintenance from Cartegraph, Inc. For Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases to insure compliance with mandatory requirements.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM J

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$60,975 sole-source annual software license and maintenance agreements with Sungard Public Sector, Inc. for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: These annual service agreements cover user software licenses and system maintenance required for technical support, "bug" fixes and software updates for the Financial Management Information System (FMIS) which is used by all departments.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Sungard Public Sector of Bethlehem, PA. is the only company permitted to make changes or updates to their proprietary software, thereby qualifying these agreements to fall under a sole-source procurement.
2. Four agreements are included in the total purchase of \$60,975. The new fiscal year increase of approximately 6% includes the cost of adding several new users, custom programming and software modifications.
3. Staff believes the cost of \$60,975 to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$60,975 sole-source annual software license and maintenance agreements with Sungard Public Sector, Inc. for I.C.S.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM K

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$37,337 purchase of 12 computers, 12 monitors, and 12 laptop computers off the State of Georgia contract pricing from Dell Marketing, LP for the Office of District Attorney.

BACKGROUND: These computers will replace older models that are now being used by seven (7) DA staff members. Five (5) of the computers are for new staff members who are currently using laptop computers. I.C.S. recommends that older outdated computers and laptops be replaced.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Dell hardware computers are the approved standardized systems for the County. These computers will operate at quicker speeds for the DA staff. The computers being replaced have exceeded their useful life and have been out of warranty for several years.
2. The systems are comprised of Dual processors, 4gb ram, dual 256mb video card, DVD read/writers, and the laptops have the same specs but also come with built in wireless access cards, Windows Vista Business and five (5) year next business day warranties on all the equipment.
3. Staff believes the State of Georgia total contract price of \$37,337 is fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M & O - District Attorney
(1002200 - 54.24002)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$37,337 purchase of 12 computers, 12 monitors, and 12 laptop computers off the State of Georgia contract pricing from Dell Marketing, LP for the Office of District Attorney.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM L

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$18,004 purchase for software licenses, off State of Georgia contract, from Dell Marketing, L.P. for the Office of the District Attorney.

BACKGROUND: Microsoft Office is the industry standard for desktop productivity suites. The Microsoft Office system is a more comprehensive and integrated system than the Corel Office suite that is currently in use. The Microsoft Office system includes programs, servers, services, and solutions designed to work together to help address a broad array of business problems. These programs work effectively with Office SharePoint Server 2007.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. State Purchasing awarded this contract through a competitive process based on requirements and specifications of the Georgia Technology Authority.
2. Staff believes the cost of \$18,004 is fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund M&O - District Attorney
(1002200 - 54.24002)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$18,004 purchase for software licenses, off State of Georgia contract, from Dell Marketing, L.P. for the Office of the District Attorney.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary licenses for software used on County computer equipment.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM M

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$13,000 purchase of 13 computers, off the State of Georgia contract, from Dell Marketing, LP for the Tax Commissioner's office.

BACKGROUND: These computers will replace older model Dell GX240 and GX280 computers that are currently being used by staff. It was recommended by the I.C.S. technical staff that all computers of these models be replaced when possible.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. Dell Computers are the approved standardized systems for the County. These computers will operate at quicker speeds for the Tax Commissioner's staff. The computers being replaced have exceeded their useful life and have been out of warranty for several years.
- 2. The systems are comprised of Dual processors, 4gb ram, dual 256mb video card, DVD read/writers, keyboards and mouse, Windows Vista Business and five (5) years next business day warranties on these computers.
- 3. Staff believes the total cost of \$13,000 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M & O - Tax Commissioner
(1001545 - 53.11010)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Request Board approval of a \$13,000 purchase of 13 computers, off the State of Georgia contract, from Dell Marketing, LP for the Tax Commissioner's office.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM N

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order No. 2, adding \$200 per year, to the annual contract with Complete Lawn Care to increase the scope of services and man hours to provide ground maintenance for Public Works.

BACKGROUND: On 16 January 2009, the Board awarded an annual contract for Lot Maintenance to Complete Lawn Care, of Savannah.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. Chatham County recently acquired the property in the Lamarville Community and it has been cited for lot maintenance.
- 2. Complete Lawn Care has agreed to assume the property into the contract for an additional \$200 per year.
- 3. Contract history is as follows:

Original Contract Amount (01-16-09)	\$ 9,660/Year
Change Order No. 1 (4-9-09)	600/Year
Change Order No. 2 (Pending)	\$ 200/Year
Revised Contract Amount	\$10,460/Year

- 4. Staff believes the increase to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund
(5054400 - 52.39001)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of Change Order No. 2, adding \$200 per year, to the annual contract with Complete Lawn Care to increase the scope of services and man hours to provide ground maintenance for Public Works.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to issue Change Orders to essential service contracts to recognize changes in the scope of services.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM O

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$44,700 purchase of a replacement water storage tank at the Savannah Ports Authority (SPA) Industrial Park from PINCO of Garden City, Georgia for Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: The City of Pooler has elected to exercise their right to stop selling water to Chatham County. In order to continue to provide water service to SPA customers, the County must activate the groundwater withdrawal well and replace the existing water storage tank that is rusted and ruptured at the seams.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This purchase will replace one (1) that is over 20 years old and beyond economic repair. There is no other source of potable water available for SPA customers at the present time. Replacing the tank is the only viable option available.
2. Georgia Environmental Protection Division has indicated they will allow temporary withdrawal from groundwater until a permanent solution is in place.
3. A Request for Quotation was sent to six (6) prospective firms and quotes were received on 28 May 2009 as follows:

	PINCO Garden City, GA	\$44,700
	W.W.C. Pooler, GA	\$47,660
	Lakeside Water Company, Inc. Eden, GA	\$49,258
*	E & D Contracting Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$57,671
*	Alloy Industrial Contractors, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$71,844
*	Preferred Tank and Tower Evansville, IN	\$120,000

*WBE firm

4. Staff reviewed the quotes and references and believes the quote provided by PINCO to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund
(5054400 - 54.25001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$44,700 purchase of a replacement water storage tank at the Savannah Ports Authority (SPA) Industrial Park from PINCO of Garden City, Georgia for Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide existing water customers with potable water.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM P

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order 3, in the amount of \$137 per month, to the annual contract with Republic Waste Services, Inc., to include in the scope of services a six (6) yard trash container at the Resource Conservation Education Center located at 1321-A Eisenhower Drive.

BACKGROUND: On 12 May 2006, the Board approved an annual waste disposal services contract with Republic Waste Services, Inc.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Staff requested a price quotation from Republic Waste Service, Inc. to provide a six (6) yard trash container and service at the Resource Conservation Education Center for Public Works and Park Services.
2. Republic Waste quoted staff an additional fee of \$43 per month for the container rental and \$94 per month for disposal charges. The yearly cost for service at this location will be \$1,644.
3. Staff believes the additional cost of \$137 per month to provide service to this location to be fair and reasonable.
4. Contract history is as follows:

Original Contract Amount (05-12-06)	\$37,980/Year
Change Order 1 (12-07-07)	\$ 1,272/Year
Change Order 2 (10-17-08)	\$ 240/Year
Change Order 3 (Pending)	\$ 1,644/Year
Revised Contract Amount	\$41,136/Year

FUNDING: Solid Waste Restricted
(5404510 - 52.21101) - \$516/Year
Utilities Disposal
(1001569 - 52.21101) - \$1,128/Year

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order 3, in the amount of \$137 per month, to the annual contract with Republic Waste Services, Inc., to include in the scope of services a six (6) yard trash container at the Resource Conservation Education Center located at 1321-A Eisenhower Drive.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to issue Change Orders to essential service contracts to recognize changes in scope of services.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM Q

ISSUE: Request Board approval to approve a Task Order Contract in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 with the R. W. Moore Fence Company to provide fencing for County projects.

BACKGROUND: The Task Order Contract provides fencing "as needed" by providing necessary equipment with operators, fencing materials, and supporting labor and tools. Typical tasks include installation of wire, chainlink and wood fencing, along with ancillary work that

includes light clearing, grubbing, earthmoving, and demolition work. Under the previous contract with the County, this vendor provided fencing at numerous project sites including Quacco Canal, Westlake/Springfield Canals, Placentia Canal, Georgetown Canal, and Pipemakers Canal.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Staff routinely solicits local vendors for availability of construction equipment for small projects. In December 2005, several drainage projects were identified to be in need of fencing and gates. It was determined that the amount of fencing and gates at each project site was relatively small and that the unit prices could be unnecessarily inflated if left as bid items. It was decided to aggregate the fence and gate requirements of several projects into a single project and to solicit bids just for fencing work. No bids were received through this process so a negotiated Term Contract agreement with R. W. Moore was approved by the Board on 12 June 2006.
2. Unforeseen site conditions on projects sometimes require mobilizing additional equipment. Obtaining cost estimates and negotiating time extensions usually results in delays. Having access to "as needed" construction equipment also facilitates responding to emergencies, if needed.
3. The work by R. W. Moore, a local Chatham County small business firm, under the Term Contract has been performed to the full satisfaction of staff in terms of quality, schedule and cost. By approval of the Board, the Term Contract was extended by two (2) change orders. The Term Contract expires in June 2009.
4. This Task Order Contract will supplant the Term Contract and provide continued responsive support for planned needs on projects and unplanned emergencies. Work is managed by staff engineers. Costs are unit rates for quantities of installed fence and include all equipment, operators, fuel, labor and materials. Work directives will be by "task order," mobilizing only the equipment necessary for specified tasks. Equipment may be mobilized "on call" anywhere in the County.

FUNDING: SPLOST (1985-1993), (1998-2003), (2003-2008)
Land Bank

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a Task Order Contract in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 with the R. W. Moore Fence Company to provide fencing for County projects.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM R

ISSUE: Request Board approval to issue Change Order No. 2 to the Annual Contract with Media South Computer Supplies Inc., of Norcross Georgia to provide laser jet toner services for various departments within Chatham County.

BACKGROUND: On 16 November 2007, the Board approved the award of an annual contract with automatic renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Media South Computer Supplies Inc.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Media South Computer Supplies Inc., has recently provided a notification of price changes associated with the manufacturer imposed price increases due to the escalating costs in energy, transportation, packaging and raw material. As a result it has raised the price of the items listed on pages 41-47. Media South Computer Supplies Inc., has provided documentation to support the manufacturer's price increase.

2. Staff believes Media South Computer Supplies, Inc., request for the County to contractually recognize the manufacturer price increases to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to issue Change Order No. 2 to the Annual Contract with Media South Computer Supplies Inc., of Norcross Georgia to provide laser jet toner services for various departments within Chatham County.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM S

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$14,010 purchase and installation of carpet for various areas on the 3rd floor at the Administrative and Legislative Courthouse from CAD’S Home Improvement of Metter, Georgia.

BACKGROUND: The carpet in the Finance and Budget offices, lobby, hall and conference room located on the 3rd floor is worn beyond economic repair and is in need of replacement.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This project was properly advertised and five (5) bids were received and opened on 21 May 2009. The bid results are as follows:

CAD’S Home Improvement Metter, GA	\$14,010
Bonitz Flooring Group Charleston, SC	\$16,803
Culver Rug Company Savannah, GA	\$26,693
* United Grounds Maintenance Services, Inc. Glennville, GA	\$29,515
Georgia Incorporated at Becks Savannah, GA	No Bid

*WBE firm

2. On 27 March 1998, the Board approved a “local preference” policy which, when a firm from outside Chatham County submits the “lowest bid” the policy allows the lowest local vendor to match the “lowest” bid. If the local firm does match the “lowest” bid, the local firm is awarded the purchase. As indicated above, a non-Chatham County firm offered the “lowest low” bid. The Chatham County firm, was asked if they would match the outside firm’s quote. As indicated, Culver Rug Company declined to match the “lowest” bid.
3. Staff reviewed the quote and references submitted by CAD’S Home Improvement and believes their bid to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M &O - Finance
(1001510 - 54.23001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$14,010 purchase and installation of carpet for various areas on the 3rd floor at the Administrative and Legislative Courthouse from CAD'S Home Improvement of Metter, Georgia.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM T

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$334,464 purchase of Cisco network equipment, Smartnet maintenance and support from Entre Solutions, an MBE firm, for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: The entire county network operates on a Cisco Network and this equipment is essential to ensure functioning network operations. Many Cisco network items need to be replaced and under a maintenance contract with Cisco for upgrades and replacements.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Smartnet Maintenance is for one (1) year for our Cisco equipment. It is supplied directly from Cisco but through Entre Solutions, a local authorized Cisco Partner. This contract provides 24 x 7 tech support 365 days a year. It gives advance hardware replacement for any equipment 24 x 7, advanced software configuration, interoperability and upgrade questions via tech support and hardware and software information. Items that are no longer under a maintenance support contract are being traded.
2. The vendor, Cisco, is listed on the State of Georgia contract. While checking for pricing Cisco advised the County to use the authorized vendor for this area, which is Entre Solutions. The State of Georgia Contract pricing for the network equipment is higher than what Entre Solutions offered.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$334,464 for all the Cisco equipment to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M & O - Communications - \$122,000
(1001536 - 52.22001)
SPLOST (2003-2008) - Courthouse Renovations - \$212,464
(3234980 - 52.12003 - 32360427)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$334,464 purchase of Cisco network equipment, Smartnet maintenance and support from Entre Solutions, an MBE firm, for I.C.S.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary network equipment, hardware and software for the functionality of the network operations.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM U

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$13,308 purchase of four (4) APC Netshelter SX Rack enclosures, four (4) APC AR7580 vertical cable managers for the cabinet and eight (8) APC switched Rack PDU (Power Distribution Unit) for server equipment from Entre Solutions, a MBE firm, for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: All County functions and Departments require computer servers to perform their jobs. These racks, cable management, and power equipment will house the servers. This is part of the renovation project for the I.C.S. Data Center. These items can be moved to a new location if the Data Center should move.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The cabinet will be a wide enclosure with increased cable management options for high density server applications. This will allow greater air flow and relieve heat problems in present narrower cabinets. The newer PDUs will allow staff to control power in each cabinet and prevent outages thru overloading. This will increase the capacity of the Data Center and allow installation of additional servers. Due to the weight of the Netshelter cabinet/rack, I.C.S. is requesting inside delivery at an added charge.

2. Quotes were solicited and received from the following vendors:

*	Entre Solutions Savannah, GA	\$14,436
	Itech for Business Norcross, GA	\$14,708
	Accu-Tech Roswell, GA	\$13,456
	GHA Technologies, Inc Phoenix, AZ	\$13,308

*MBE firm

3. On 27 March 1998, the Board approved a "local preference" policy which, when a firm from outside Chatham County submits the "lowest quote" the policy allows the lowest local vendor to match the "lowest" quote. If the local firm does match the "lowest" quote, the local firm is awarded the purchase. As indicated above, a non-Chatham County firm offered the "lowest low" quote. The Chatham County firm was asked if they would match the outside firms' quote. As indicated, Entre Solutions, an MBE firm did match the "lowest" quote.

4. Staff believes total cost of \$13,308 to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$13,308 purchase of four (4) APC Netshelter SX Rack enclosures, four (4) APC AR7580 vertical cable managers for the cabinet and eight (8) APC switched Rack PDU (Power Distribution Unit) for server equipment from Entre Solutions, a MBE firm, for I.C.S.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary network equipment hardware for the functionality of the network operations..

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM V

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$96,471 purchase of two (2) replacement Eaton Corporation 9355 15KVA UPS systems from Entre Solutions, a MBE firm, for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: These UPS, Uninterrupted Power Systems, are 20 years old and need replacing. The entire County's data are connected into these systems. These UPS systems have exceeded their time of service and replacement parts are at a minimum for these systems. These new UPS systems will provide additional expansion capability for more data throughout the County.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. These two (2) systems will give some expansion capability. These systems can be moved if the Data Center should need to move to another location.
2. Total cost of the replacement units includes one (1) year extended warranty with 24 x 7 on site service and annual preventive maintenance with installation and shipping.
3. The systems are comprised of Dual processors, 8gb ram, dual 256mb video card, dual CD & DVD read/writer, Windows Vista Business and five (5) year next business day warranties on the computers.
4. Staff believes the price of \$96,471 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003 - 2008) - Courthouse Renovations
(3234980 - 54.25001 - 32360427)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$96,471 purchase of two (2) replacement Eaton Corporation 9355 15KVA UPS systems from Entre Solutions, a MBE firm, for I.C.S.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM W

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$24,644 sole source 2007-2008 annual software maintenance agreement with ESRI Inc., for various County departments.

BACKGROUND: There are two (2) types of software covered under this maintenance agreement. One (1) software includes the capability to add, change and delete all electronic mapping information produced by the ArcView users. The other software is used to produce maps used in the appraisal process and used by our Engineers, our GIS Analyst and the Board of Assessors.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The sole source provider, ESRI Inc., is the only company authorized to maintain and make proprietary changes to the software.
2. ESRI Inc., of Los Angeles, CA, quoted staff a price of \$24,644 for the annual software maintenance renewal late in October, 2007. Our software audit this year disclosed that maintenance for the period 5/25/2007 through 5/24/2008 was authorized and invoiced but not paid. In order for Chatham County to continue support for the 2009/2010 year, we must pay this maintenance.

- 3. Staff believes this total cost of \$ \$24,644 due is fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of a \$24,644 sole source 2007-2008 annual software maintenance agreement with ESRI Inc., for various County departments.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM X

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$39,493 sole source annual software maintenance agreement with ESRI Inc., for various County departments.

BACKGROUND: There are two (2) types of software covered under this maintenance agreement. One (1) software includes the capability to add, change and delete all electronic mapping information produced by the ArcView users. The other software is used to produce maps used in the appraisal process and used by the County’s Engineers, GIS Analyst and the Board of Assessors.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. ESRI Inc., of Los Angeles, CA, quoted staff a price of \$39,493 for the annual software maintenance renewal. The cost for the software maintenance reflects a 8.5% increase in price from last year. The increase is due to the purchase and installation of additional software packages and support during the last fiscal year. It also reflects extended prorated maintenance periods so all contracts renew together.
- 2. The sole source provider, ESRI Inc., is the only company authorized to maintain and make proprietary changes to the software.
- 3. Staff believes this total cost of \$39,493 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M & O - Various
SSD - Various
Land Disturbing Activity Ordinance

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of a \$39,493 sole source annual software maintenance agreement with ESRI Inc., for various County departments.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM Y

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$21,000 sole source purchase of MapVision software from Leading Edge Associates, LLC for Mosquito Control.

BACKGROUND: Mosquito Control uses different data collection and storage software for aerial and ground adult mosquito control missions. Surveillance data must also be used to plan control missions. Analysis of this data is complex and time-consuming. At present, Mosquito Control's website does not allow interactivity with the general public.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. MapVision is an adjunct analytical program, not intended to stand alone or duplicate our data storage capability. It can enhance our data collection and storage software by allowing simple, yet comprehensive analyses of extensive data gathered from multiple sources.
2. Promoting "e-government," MapVision provides a user-friendly platform for the public to request mosquito control assistance on-line, a service not yet available from the Mosquito Control Department. The MapVision software provides an interactive forum for the public. Limited and strictly controlled amounts of information can be projected on maps for on-line public viewing. Completed and planned adult mosquito control treatment blocks can be displayed on maps. Additionally, by typing in their address, citizens can determine if their property lies within designated treatment areas.
3. New EPA approved pesticide labels place weekly and annual restrictions on the amount of product, and the number of times that pesticides can be applied to targeted areas. MapVision provides a simple and accurate way to track chemical applications and alerts us when we are approaching maximum application limits.
4. The MapVision software provides a simple platform to make performance assessments. As an example, the success of adult mosquito control operations can be easily measured by comparing surveillance results before and after treatments. Complex analyses, now performed by only a few staff members to address specific needs, could be routinely performed by the majority of staff members.
5. MapVision allows faster information sharing of mosquito control operations with all Mosquito Control staff. No other company offers software with this capacity.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$21,000 sole source purchase of MapVision software from Leading Edge Associates, LLC for Mosquito Control.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM Z

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$20,548 purchase of a 2009 Ford E-350, 15 Passenger Van from J. C. Lewis for the Detention Center.

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: Wade Ford, Inc., Smyrna, GA; Allan Vigil Ford, Morrow, GA; and J.C. Lewis Ford, Savannah, GA. Responses are as follows:

Wade Ford, Inc. Smyrna, GA	\$20,548
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Allan Vigil Ford Morrow, GA	\$20,971
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J. C. Lewis Ford Savannah, GA	\$22,444
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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 Wade Ford, Inc.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$20,548 base price for the purchase of a 2009 Ford F-350, 15 Passenger Van to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - Detention Center
(3501567 - 54.22001 - 3503004A)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of a \$20,548 purchase of a 2009 Ford E-350, 15 Passenger Van from J. C. Lewis for the Detention Center.
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 _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM AA

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$15,957 purchase of a 2009 Ford E-250 Cargo Van from J. C. Lewis Ford for the Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department (SCMPD).

BACKGROUND: This vehicle is a replacement for SCMPD per the merger agreement with the City of Savannah.

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: J. C. Lewis Ford, Savannah, GA; Allan Vigil Ford, Morrow, GA; and Wade Ford, Inc., Smyrna, GA. Responses are as follows:

J. C. Lewis Ford Savannah, GA	\$15,957
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Allan Vigil Ford Morrow, GA	\$16,142
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Wade Ford, Inc. Smyrna, GA	\$16,689
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2. Staff believes the total cost of \$15,957 base price for the purchase of a 2009 Ford F-250 Cargo Van to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - Replacement Vehicle Fund - SSD
(3233200 - 54.22001 - 3236063B)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of a \$15,957 purchase of a 2009 Ford E-250 Cargo Van from J. C. Lewis Ford for the Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of replacement vehicles for law enforcement activities.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM BB

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$21,120 purchase for a 2009 Ford Taurus from J. C. Lewis Ford for the Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department (SCMPD).

BACKGROUND: This vehicle is a replacement for SCMPD per the merger agreement with the City of Savannah.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Board previously approved at their 27 March 2009 meeting, pricing for the purchase of a 2009 Ford Taurus.
2. The local vendor, J. C. Lewis Ford has agreed to honor the quoted price with the same terms and conditions.
3. Staff believes the base price of \$21,120 for a 2009 Ford Taurus to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - Replacement Vehicle Fund - SSD
(3233200 - 54.22001 - 3236063B)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of a \$21,120 purchase for a 2009 Ford Taurus from J. C. Lewis Ford for the Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of replacement vehicles for law enforcement activities.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM CC

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$21,795 purchase for a 2009 Ford F-150, 4x4 Truck from J. C. Lewis for Public Works and Park Services and authorize the disposal of one vehicle that will be used as a trade-in.

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

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Board previously approved at their 27 March 2009 meeting, pricing for the purchase of a 2009 Ford F-150 Truck.
2. The local vendor, J. C. Lewis Ford has agreed to honor the quoted price with the same terms and conditions.
3. The vehicle price is as follows:

J. C. Lewis Ford	\$23,795
Less trade-in	(\$ 2,000)
Total Purchase	\$21,795
4. Staff believes the base price of \$21,795 for a 2009 Ford F-150 4x4 Truck to be fair and reasonable

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - Replacement Vehicle Fund - SSD
(3234985 - 54.22001 - 3236063B)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of a \$21,795 purchase for a 2009 Ford F-150, 4x4 Truck from J. C. Lewis for Public Works and authorize the disposal of one vehicle that will be used as a trade-in.
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 _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM DD

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$63,563 purchase of four (4) non-typical vehicles from Dan Vaden Chevrolet and Grainger Honda for the Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department.

BACKGROUND: The Police Department has approved funding to replace 19 vehicles per police merger agreement with the City of Savannah. These vehicles will be used to replace vehicles that are worn beyond economic repair.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. With the purchase of these four (4) vehicles, only one more unit remains to be selected.
2. The vehicles are priced as follows:

Dan Vaden Chevrolet - (3 cars)	\$49,091
Grainger Honda - (1 car)	\$14,472
3. Staff believes the price of \$63,563 for four (4) non-typical cars to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - Replacement Vehicle Fund - SSD
(3234985 - 54.22001 - 3236063B)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of a \$63,563 purchase of four (4) non-typical vehicles from Dan Vaden Chevrolet and Grainger Honda for the Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of replacement vehicles for law enforcement activities.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM EE

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$58,495 purchase of a F-350, 4x2 Truck with modifications required to handle 19,500 lbs GVWR, Knapheide Body and Crane from J. C. Lewis Ford for Mosquito Control.

BACKGROUND: Board previously approved at their meeting of 15 May 2009 an annual pricing agreement to purchase 2009 F-350 longbed pickup trucks from J. C. Lewis Ford.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Modification was requested by the using department to require the 2009 F-350 Longbed truck to handle 19,500 lbs. GVWR, Knapheide Body & Crane.
2. Staff agreed with request and contacted J. C. Lewis Ford for pricing.
3. Staff believes the cost of \$58,495 for the 2009 Ford F-350 longbed pickup truck with modifications to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - Replacement Vehicle
(3501567 - 54.22001 - 3503004A) - \$34,582
General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
(1005144 - 54.22001) - \$23,913

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of a \$58,495 purchase of a F-350, 4x2 Truck with modifications to require to handle 19,500 lbs GVWR, Knapheide Body and Crane from J. C. Lewis Ford for Mosquito Control.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of vehicles and their modifications for the daily operation of the using department.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
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ITEM FF

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$19,025 contract to JCS Construction Services, Inc. for the demolition of three (3) buildings at Dean Forest Road for the Hardin Canal Project.

BACKGROUND: In preparation for the widening of SR 307 at Hardin Canal the County is presently acquiring rights-of-way and removing structures.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Staff received pricing from the following vendors on 21 May 2009. Responses are as follows:
 - * JCS Construction Services, Inc. \$19,025
Pembroke, GA

	T Clearing Rincon, GA	\$25,000
*	LCLS, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$29,000
*	American Clearing & Hauling Savannah, GA	\$30,675
*	MBE firm	

- Staff reviewed the pricing and believes the price from JCS Construction Services, Inc. is fair and reasonable for the work involved. The demolition is scheduled to be completed fifteen days after the Notice to Proceed is issued.

FUNDING: SPLOST (1998 - 2003) - Hardin Canal Project
(3224250 - 54.14005 - 32280225)

ALTERNATIVES:

- Board approval to award a \$19,025 contract to JCS Construction Services, Inc. for the demolition of three (3) buildings at Dean Forest Road for the Hardin Canal Project.
- Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM GG

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$10,891 sole source purchase of the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) recommended remediation work from Advanced Environmental Management, Inc. of Norcross, Georgia.

BACKGROUND: On 7 March 2008, the Board approved an annual contract for professional engineering services to provide landfill monitoring to Advanced Environmental Management Inc. During a routine EPD inspection and reoccurring sampling of Chatham County's closed landfill sites; repairs, maintenance and monitoring issues were specifically called out and required that Chatham County address at Sharon Park Landfill.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- There has been a history of contamination detection at Sharon Park Landfill during the past several years resulting in additional sampling, and a demonstration project being required from the County.
- The EPD was not satisfied with the demonstration project and the additional water sampling has been at best inconclusive.
- Part of the issue with the contamination may be due to the condition of the wells which the remediation work will eliminate.
- The EPD has made specific recommendations to resolve the contamination issues present at the Sharon Park Landfill.
- This remediation work plan represents the best available choice to resolve all known issues at the Sharon Park Landfill to the satisfaction of the EPD and includes the following:
 - Installation of a replacement well for GWC-7 that has suffered major damage
 - Installation of protective casing and pad for TW-1
 - Redevelop five (5) monitoring wells

- d. Perform Low Flow sampling on two (2) wells
- e. Prepare a Summary Report of the Assessment Results for the EPD

FUNDING: Solid Waste Fund
(5404501 - 52.39021)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$10,891 sole source purchase of the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) recommended remediation work from Advanced Environmental Management, Inc. of Norcross, Georgia.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve remediation on closed landfill sites within the County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM HH

ISSUE: Request Board approval of an increase for assigned interdepartmental vehicles (8 to 10) and a \$47,680 purchase of two (2) 2009 Ford Crown Victoria models from J.C. Lewis Ford, to support Investigative operations in the Office of the District Attorney.

BACKGROUND: This request is specific to the Chatham County Allocation of Federal JAG Formula Funds request dated 6 May 2009 and the transfer of funds from the Office of the District Attorney's salaries object code to the vehicles object code approved by the Board on 22 May 2009.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. One (1) vehicle will support the District Attorney's Hospital Based Intervention Program. The basis of this program is to provide investigative and victim service intervention with victims of violent crime, beginning at Emergency Departments at local hospitals and will be a part of the Chatham County Victim-Witness Assistance Program.
2. The second vehicle will support the District Attorney's Truancy Intervention Program. The basis of this program is to serve as a conduit for cross collaboration among school officials and the judicial system to help fast-track truancy cases and to expedite resolution of misdemeanor cases in violation of Georgia's compulsory school attendance laws.
3. Staff believes this is price is fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of an increase for assigned interdepartmental vehicles (8 to 10) and a \$47,680 purchase of two (2) 2009 Ford Crown Victoria models from J.C. Lewis Ford, to support Investigative operations in the Office of the District Attorney.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve necessary increases in equipment authorizations and purchases of vehicles to support mission changes for law enforcement activities.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM II

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$18,124 purchase of emergency equipment for ten (10) Investigator vehicles from West Chatham Warning Devices for the Office of the District Attorney.

BACKGROUND: This request is to outfit ten (10) District Attorney’s Investigator vehicles with low-profile emergency equipment. This will then allow these vehicles to be utilized as emergency vehicles during crisis, high profile security events as well as in support of District Attorney operations.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. The Board previously approved at their 25 April 2008 meeting to “piggy-back” off of the City of Savannah’s solicitation for warning devices for law enforcement vehicles.
- 2. Ten (10) vehicles will be fitted with discreet lights, sirens, flasher and controls to allow them to be used for emergency purposes, with two (2) of the vehicles requiring additional console modification.
- 3. Staff believes this is price is fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund - M&O - Office of the District Attorney
(1002200 - 54.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of a \$18,124 purchase of emergency equipment for ten (10) Investigator vehicles from West Chatham Warning Devices for the Office of the District Attorney.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases for emergency and safety equipment for public safety and law enforcement activities.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

PREPARED BY _____
PURCHASING AGENT

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XI. FIRST READINGS

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

None.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

1. **AT ISSUE IS A REQUEST TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 19.39 ACRES FROM THE BC (COMMERCIAL BUSINESS) AND M (MANUFACTURING) ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS, TO A B (BUSINESS) ZONING CLASSIFICATION. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, LOCATED AT 3609 OGEECHEE ROAD NEAR THE I-516 ON-RAMP IS A VACANT FORMER SAM'S CLUB LOCATION AND IF REZONING IS APPROVED WILL BE REPURPOSED IN PART TO ACCOMMODATE A COMMERCIAL/RETAIL HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING BUSINESS THAT WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE CURRENT ZONING DISTRICTS.
MPC FILE NO. Z-090331-00020-1
[DISTRICT 5.]**

Mr. Jim Hansen said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Jim Hansen, MPC. In the interest of time, I will not give you — you all have the staff report before you. I will not give you a detailed report, but I will be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Commissioner Odell said, and MPC's recommendation is — Mr. Hansen said, is for approval. Commissioner Odell asked, is there anyone here who wants to speak for it or against it? Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Yellin's here. Commissioner Kicklighter said, anybody against it I guess would be a good question. Commissioner Odell asked, Harold [Yellin], is this your project? Mr. Yellin said, yes sir, it is. Commissioner Odell said, okay.

Chairman Liakakis said, we need a motion on the floor to approve or disapprove.

Commissioner Odell said, I make the motion. Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, alright. We have a motion on the floor. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion is approved. Thank you, Harold [Yellin].

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the request to rezone approximately 19.39 acres, located at 3609 Ogeechee Road near the I-516 on-ramp, formerly a Sam's Club location, from the BC (Commercial Business) and M (Manufacturing) zoning classifications to a B (Business) zoning classification and is rezoned in part to accommodate a commercial/retail heating and air conditioning business that would not be allowed in the current zoning districts. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. **~~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. (SEE "TABLED ITEMS." SOLID WASTE FEE WAS TABLED AT MEETING OF MAY 22, 2009.)~~**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

See VIII-2 for action on this item.

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached as information.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached as information.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-2
AGENDA DATE: June 12, 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>
Seven (7) Dell computers without monitors	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P. (State Contract)	\$7,386	General Fund/M&O - Assessor
One (1) Dell computer and monitor, two (2) USB keyboards	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P. (State Contract)	\$3,080	CIP - Tax Commissioner
Three (3) Dell laptops, one (1) polycom conference phone, six (6) scanners	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P. (State Contract)	\$5,183	General Fund/M&O - Court Administrator
Travel expenses for vendor to install and train personnel on new software program	Assessor	ACS Image Solutions, Inc.	\$3,520	General Fund/M&O - Assessor
Mailing of June 2009 tag renewals	Tax Commissioner	World Marketing (Sole Source)	\$4,956	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
200 ton of GABC stone for new entrance at the Wilmington Island Drop Off Center	Public Works and Park Services	Carroll and Carroll, Inc.	\$3,970	Solid Waste Restricted
Consulting fee for evaluation of 222 W. Oglethorpe Avenue	Special Projects	Lott Barber Architects	\$2,982	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Courthouse Construction
One (1) 52" cut Wildcat mower	Sheriff	Andy's Lawn Machinery, Inc.	\$7,989	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff
One (1) elliptical trainer, one (1) treadmill	Sheriff	Felcos LLC	\$3,099	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff
12 MS Office 2007 software	Detention Center	Dell Marketing, L.P. (State Contract)	\$2,769	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
One (1) plasma cutter to cut steel	Mosquito Control	Praxair Distribution, Inc.	\$3,144	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
One (1) replacement air filter kit for helicopter	Mosquito Control	Aerospace Filtration Systems	\$5,614	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Remove/install carpet in three (3) courtrooms, lobbies and rear hall	Juvenile Court	Franklin's Home Improvement	\$8,359	General Fund/M&O - Juvenile Court
Training classes for nine (9) students on Crown Victoria	Fleet Operations	Robert's Truck Center, Inc.	\$3,150	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
Custom bronze plaque for dedication ceremony at the Soccer Complex	Commissioners	Doug Bean Sign, Inc.	\$3,270	General Fund/M&O - Commissioners
Asbestos abatement at 1200 and 1204 Dean Forest Road	Engineering	Southern Tri	\$4,800	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Dean Forest Road
Six (6) scanners	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P. (State Contract)	\$2,903	General Fund/M&O - Court Administrator
Six (6) Reports XI Professional software	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P. (State Contract)	\$2,670	General Fund/M&O - Assessor
Air conditioning water source replacement at Administrative and Legislative Courthouse	Facilities Maintenance	Johnstone Supply (Sole Source)	\$2,850	General Fund/M&O - Facilities Maintenance

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Remove one (1) steel door and replace with one (1) rolling steel door w/operator, install operators on two (2) existing rolling steel doors	C.N.T.	Savannah Overhead Door	\$8,620	General Fund/M&O - C.N.T.
One (1) desk, credenza, modular top, hutch, tack board and task light	District Attorney	National Office Systems	\$3,053	General Fund/M&O - District Attorney
Purchase and installation of camera system	Child Support Recovery	SFI Electronics, Inc.	\$3,350	Child Support Recovery
One (1) concrete mixer	Public Works and Park Services	United Rentals, Inc.	\$2,750	SSD - Public Works
Annual extended maintenance for three (3) Fuelmaster model units	Fleet Operations	Syn-Tech Systems Inc.	\$2,618	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
100 cases of copy paper	Detention Center	Staples Business Advantage	\$3,145	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Remove and repair curb and gutter on West Lake Drive	Public Works and Park Services	Atlantic Building Construction	\$3,000	CIP - Public Works
Replacement parts and service to audio system in Courtroom C	Court Administrator	Stage Front Presentation Systems	\$2,929	General Fund/M&O - Court Expenditures
Umpire fees for May 1 - May 14, 2009	Public Works and Park Services	Greater Savannah Umpires Assn.	\$4,676	General Fund/ M&O - Parks and Recreation
Repair crack and install asphalt	Mosquito Control	Jaron, Inc.	\$2,700	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
One (1) Dell computer	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P. (State Contract)	\$2,551	SSD - Engineering
One (1) Robainair air conditioning machine for recovery, recycling and recharging of refrigerant	Fleet Operations	Pep Boys	\$3,069	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
Application of foam/poly roof coating sealant system on sand building	Mosquito Control	Industrial Technical Coatings, Inc.	\$2,850	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
One (1) engine fuel control valve and bleed valve for helicopter	Mosquito Control	Standard Aero Inc.	\$8,448	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Replaced transmission on law enforcement vehicle Unit #783	Fleet Operations	W.W. Williams (Sole Source)	\$2,929	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
Rebuild rear differential on Solid Waste vehicle Unit #208	Fleet Operations	Powertrain, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$4,683	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion being made by Commissioner Odell and seconded by Commissioner Stoned, the Board recessed at 1:15 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 1:53 p.m.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. REQUEST SETTLEMENT OF YVONNE TYSON CONDEMNATION CASE (JON HART).

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Holmes moved to approve a settlement of the Yvonne Tyson condemnation case in the amount of \$106,000. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. REQUEST SETTLEMENT FOR ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FROM CHRISTOPHER NEWTON, 2 CLARENDON ROAD (JON HART).

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Holmes moved to approve the settlement for acquisition of property from Christopher Newton, 2 Clarendon Road, in the amount of \$340,350. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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3. 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 Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2009

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

SYBIL E. TILLMAN, CLERK OF COMMISSION