

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2010, 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 9:25 a.m., Friday, April 23, 2010.

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II. INVOCATION

Commissioner Helen Stone gave the Invocation.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Harris Odell, Jr., led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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IV. ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Pete Liakakis, Chairman
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: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
Lisa Colbert, Assistant County Attorney
Barbara B. Wright, Interim Clerk

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ORDER OF AGENDA

Commissioner Stone said, before we begin may I make a motion to add to the agenda after the proclamations to allow our Public Defender Michael Edwards to give about a one or two minute presentation about Senate Bill 42.

Chairman Liakakis said, we need a motion on the floor — did you make the motion. Commissioner Stone said, yes. Commissioner Holmes said, second. Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second to add that to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- 1. **PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY 2010 AS BUILDING SAFETY MONTH IN CHATHAM COUNTY. GREGORI ANDERSON, DIRECTOR OF BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES, WILL ACCEPT THE PROCLAMATION.**

Chairman Liakakis said, Commissioner Patrick Farrell will do the proclamation.

Commissioner Farrell said, I'd like to make this presentation.



WHEREAS, the International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety, energy and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used by most U.S. cities, counties and states; these modern building codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires and earthquake, and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council and International Code Council Foundation, to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings; and

WHEREAS, "Building Safety Month: Commemorating a 30-year Legacy of Leadership," the theme for Building Safety Month 2010, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safety; green and sustainable building; pool, spa and hot tub safety; and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2010, encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe and sustainable, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and

WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pete Liakakis, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2010 as:

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

in Chatham County and encourage our citizens to join with their communities in participation in Building Safety Month activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 23rd day of April, 2010.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Sybil E. Tillman, Clerk

For the wonderful work that y'all do, and there's many examples around the country, around the world, where lack of building codes has a direct correlation with injury to large numbers of people and deaths. So it's a very important, although not glamorous maybe in the day to day implementations, but very important work and we appreciate all that you do to keep Chatham County safe and sound. Thank you.

Mr. Gregori Anderson said, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, I thank you this morning. Historically, we celebrated Building Safety Week. This year the ITC — International Code Council — has expanded that to Building Safety Month, so we're going to be celebrating the entire month of May as Building Safety Month.

Four weeks in the month of May we'll be celebrating a different topic every week. The first week will center on Energy and Green Building, which will give us an opportunity to share information about being eco-friendly and sustainable and we've heard a lot about that lately. The second week we're going to focus our energies on Disaster, Safety and Mitigation, and we do a lot of that here, certainly being a coastal community. The third week we'll focus on Fire Safety as it relates to buildings and homes that we live in and hazards those buildings contain. And the fourth week we'll focus on Backyard Safety. This is kind of a new area for the Code Council in our focus in that since it's a week before the traditional beginning of the Summer, Memorial Day weekend, we're going to focus on Backyard Safety, such as grilling safety, barbecue safety and those kinds of things, and with that effort we'll be partnering with the Home Depot here locally. We'll have present on the two Home Depot sites here in Savannah, both on Victory Drive on the 16th we'll have a booth with information we'll submit about Backyard Safety, and we'll do the same at the Abercorn site on the 28th. So we'll take both opportunities to share information about Backyard Safety. So again, thank you for your support and this proclamation.

Chairman Liakakis said, Greg [Anderson], thank you very much. We appreciate your dedication and the things that you and your staff do for the safety of our citizens because we can see the history of your department has done a great job for our citizens.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, Dr. Thomas, Commissioner Stone, gentlemen, I want to add to what both Commissioner Farrell and the Chairman have said. We are benefitted because of the leadership of Greg Anderson. Greg is an exceptional manager. He's also a leader in his profession, recognized both by the state and nationally for his knowledge and desires to make things safer for all of us. He is truly a blessing for this community and a totally unscientific way of showing that the situation in home building is turning around, I am pleased to acknowledge what the Homebuilders are doing next Thursday. They're commencing again the Home Show at the Trade and Convention Center, and that's a very, very healthy sign. I'd also recognize people like Greg Anderson has been able to keep the optimism in a sense of hope and a realization that what he does is so essential, when it does turn around we'll be ready to service those people as they build new homes.

Mr. Anderson said, thank you very much.

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2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2010, AS "STAMP OUT HUNGER DAY" IN CHATHAM COUNTY. MARY JANE CROUCH, IKE WHITE AND DENISE HOGAN WILL BE RECEIVING THE PROCLAMATION.

Chairman Liakakis said, Commissioner Thomas will be doing the proclamation.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, and it's my pleasure to read this proclamation to you this morning, and I'm also really excited about it because this is something that is very dear to all of our hearts. The proclamation reads as follows:



WHEREAS, it is with deep concern for the hundreds of thousands of citizens nationwide who face increasing difficulties feeding their families we join with the National Association of

Letter Carriers as they help “Stamp Out Hunger” by supporting America’s Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia; and

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

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

WHEREAS, May 8, 2010 has been designated “Stamp Out Hunger Day” and the National Letter Carriers’ Association in partnership with America’s Second Harvest Food of Coastal Georgia will conduct a food drive to provide valuable food resources to those in need to help reduce hunger within our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pete Liakakis, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 8, 2010 as:

STAMP OUT HUNGER DAY

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 23rd day of April, 2010.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Frances Q. Rasmussen, Deputy Clerk

Commissioner Thomas said, and thank you. We just appreciate all that you do.

Mr. Ike White said, on behalf of the Post Office and the National Association of Letter Carriers, we thank the Commission for honoring us with this proclamation and we’d like to thank our patrons for last year donation of over 171,000 pounds of food that we collected last year from our patrons, and this year we hope we can do the same or exceed it. On behalf of the Post Office and the Letter Carriers we have this plaque for the County Commissioners and we’d like to present that to you .

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you very much.

Chairman Liakakis said, Ike [White], thank you very much. We really appreciate what the postal workers do. Mary Jane [Crouch], would you like to say something? Denise [Hogan]? You want to pull those mikes down? That’s good.

Ms. Crouch said, Mr. Chairman and Council Members, thank you so much you always give America’s Second Harvest. You’re great to us and the community is wonderful to us. We last year distributed over 7.1 million pounds of food to people in need, touching over 130,000 lives in our 21 county area, and we do that with the support of people like you in our community. Chatham County is a wonderful place to live and is always supportive of this food drive and we thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much. Denise [Hogan]?

Ms. Hogan said, just very quickly I’d like to echo Mr. White in saying it’s an exciting day for the Post Office. The carriers and the employees just get so motivated and it’s just a happy day for us to be able to contribute to the community. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you. Emani [Mitchell]?

Youth Commissioner Mitchell said, hello. My name is Emani Mitchell and I’m from Early College. I was wondering if there was anything we could do to help them with their drive.

County Manager Abolt said, we’ll make sure that request is passed on.

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CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSIONER

Chairman Liakakis said, Emani [Mitchell], since you just requested something, after the presentation I was going to recognize all the Chatham County Youth Commissioners, but I'll start it right now. On my left, Cindi Lee, who is a Youth Commissioner for Calvary Day School. Glad to have you here. Emani Mitchell, who's a Youth Commissioner who is representing Early College where they have that in our school system for high school students to be able to take this early college course. We're glad to have you also, Emani. And then Brandon Sanders, who is a Youth Commissioner for Windsor Forest. We're glad to have you here also, Brandon. Thank you.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

3. PRESENTATION ON COMMUNITY FORUM HOSTED BY HEALTHY SAVANNAH.

Chairman Liakakis said, you'll want to introduce yourself and that gentleman that's with you with the MPC.

Ms. Paula Chrysler said, absolutely. Good morning, Chairman Liakakis and Commissioners. My name is Paula Chrysler and this is Dennis Hutton and we are both volunteers with Healthy Savannah, and we are here — this poster right here is one that was designed by a SCAD student. It says: Fact. Your Community and Your Health Go Hand in Hand, and that's what we are promoting. Next Thursday evening at the Civic Center Area Floor we are expecting 500 attendees to come together in a community forum, and we would like for each of you to attend and the Youth Commission as well and everyone behind me as well.

The goal — well, actually, let me tell you a little bit about Healthy Savannah. Chairman Liakakis, I know you are fully aware of what we do. We are comprised of 120 partners. Our sponsors for the event on Thursday evening at 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., by the way, Junior League of Savannah, 100 Black Men of Savannah, the City of Savannah, A. Phillip Randolph Institute, Savannah State University, St. Joseph's/Candler Health System, Memorial Health System, and GeoVista Credit Union. It's important to recognize that it's not a political forum or a health care forum. It's not a project or a program. Rather, it is our community's initiative for a social movement toward building a healthier Savannah at work, at home and at play. Citizens from all across our city and county will join us. Dr. Evelyn Lewis, a nationally acclaimed motivational speaker on health disparities will get us mad, motivated, activated and dedicated. Dr. Watkins from UGA will be our emcee and our plan is to listen together, think together, plan together and do the heavy lifting together because we have a long way to go to improve the health of our city and our county. For example, Georgia is number 3 in childhood abusivity in the US, number 41 in life expectancy, 41 in adults with diabetes, 41% in uninsured, 41% in teen birth, and 45% of low birth weight babies. We have a lot of, lot of work to do and we can't do it without y'all's help and so, Dennis [Hutton] has — I know, I think y'all have received invitations in the past, but we have postcards to give you to again remind you of the date and the time, and we request your presence there.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much. I'd like for you to give that date and time again because this is being viewed, you know, countywide and it's on direct television right now, so if you will at this particular point give that time for our citizens because this County Commission, we know how important it is. We are encouraging our employees that we have certain programs in place now to have our employees to participate in it and we know that once we have a healthier citizens, it's better because we can reduce the cost factor of the medical bills and all. So thank you very much if you'll give that out.

Ms. Chrysler said, absolutely. Okay, the specifics are it's at the Civic Center on the Arena Floor, April 29th, that's Thursday evening, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. It will also be followed, there will be an area, an exhibit area following the forum that will have areas about nutrition, civic master planning, transportation and smoke-free areas for people to rally around after to get activated out there in the world. So, thank you very much.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you both for coming and thank you for volunteering. Russ [Abolt]?

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, Dr. Thomas, Commissioner Stone, gentlemen, wait, there's more. Remember, tomorrow is part of County Government Month. At the Savannah Mall Library you have sponsored a Health Fair. Come one, come all. So it's very consistent with what you just had a presentation on and as a Board you're to be credited and commended for the work you're doing in community health overall. Outstanding job on your part.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you.

Commissioner Farrell asked, do you have any times for that, Russ [Abolt]. County Manager Abolt said, ten o'clock. Commissioner Farrell said, ten until. County Manager Abolt said, ten until — until all of the dogs have gone.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you. Ms. Chrysler said, thank you.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS**1. STATE PARK AT LAKE MAYER (CHAIRMAN LIAKAKIS).**

Chairman Liakakis said, I was looking for Mayor Buelterman. He's not here, so are you taking his place? Identify yourself please.

Ms. Kathryn Williams said, yes. Good morning. My name is Kathryn Williams and I am filling in for Mayor Buelterman. I am assuming he was delayed at school so he may walk in at any moment, but I'm here today representing a recently formed nonprofit called Chatham County Skate Park Supporters, and we're here to ask that you take into consideration our request to designate some land at Lake Mayer for the construction of a skate park. We have already raised \$14,000. We are not asking the Commission for any funds at this time, but simply for a designation of property.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much. I know Mayor Buelterman at Tybee and some of the other Council Members were pushing for this but they couldn't get enough votes. I think there was a situation on the location of the skate park — Ms. Williams said, yes, there was. Chairman Liakakis said, — is what came up, but we have room, of course, at Lake Mayer and I did discuss this with the County Manager a couple of months ago about having that skate park. We can notice around the — in fact, there's Jason [Buelterman] right now. Jason [Buelterman], come on up front.

Ms. Williams said, while he's coming up here, Mr. Chairman, I would like just to throw out a few statistics. Skateboarding is one of the fastest growing sports in the nation and also one of the safest. I think this is a very opportune time since we just heard all of the health initiatives that the Commission is supporting and the community is supporting because skateboarding is a very, very good sport in terms of increasing cardiovascular health, eye/hand coordination, great motor skills, and so to me this would just help complete that packet.

Mayor Buelterman said, Kathryn [Williams], I don't know what you said, but I'm sure it was good. I don't know how I can add to it, and I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners, that I was a little bit late, but we're just trying to get this sport, give it the opportunity to grow here in Chatham County. I know there's a privately run park that's very popular. Just looking to designate land adjacent to the existing roller hockey rink at Lake Mayer.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Well, thank you, Jason [Buelterman]. We know that you've been a big proponent of this and all, and I have looked into it and I think some of the other Commissioners have also. That there are many areas — for example, if you look over in South Carolina where they have this beautiful park right there, and information that has come in through the news media and all and different types of bulletins, they say that this type of recreation is really good for our young people, and one of the things that happens when we have our young people involved in sports and they are dedicated to that sport, they are less likely to get into trouble. And that's the problem that we have. We have a large juvenile contingent that are into criminal areas of our community. That juvenile court is loaded up, but anything that we can do to help our youth in our community is really good because once they get involved in this, we can see they are less likely to do something negative and we really appreciate the two of you on that and, of course, the collection for that and our County staff will be looking at it.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman, does the County assume any liability with this or, I mean, I think this is wonderful, but I'm just trying to make sure that we're not putting ourselves at risk with the property as far as any liability. Ms. Williams said, if I may — County Manager Abolt said, this is just a conceptual step. It would be something, as I understand from listening to the Mayor and other supporters and the Chairman, who have been leading the way for a long time, it's important to designate a site and conceptually you'd be saying the site is okay and then as funds are raised in the private sector or whatever and we get down to the opportunity to build something, we'll discuss that. Commissioner Stone said, I'm all in favor of it. I just wanted to make sure that, you know, we were not held liable in any way, shape or form. Assistant County Attorney Colbert said, our office will be looking into that.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I, too, wanted to ask a question about liability, but in addition to that I am excited about this because it was something that coming from the Chatham County Youth Commission as well as Summer Bonanza, we had been seeking information about this type of sport for a long time and I'm happy to know we now have an organization that is pushing this forward. I think it's an excellent thing for our young people and I'm hoping that once we get it going, we can expand it all over Chatham County.

Ms. Williams said, that would be wonderful, and just to address the question about liability, when we were looking into this at Tybee our City Attorney did the research, and of course I know you will as well, but found that it would fall under the same umbrella as the baseball fields, the hockey rink, and other municipal recreational facilities, and as the Chairman referenced, South Carolina has skate parks that are free and open to the public, as this one will be in Hilton Head. Port Royal is the oldest one that I'm familiar with and then they have just built a new one in Beaufort, and these are huge draws. And, you know, we think little children, but there are two guys sitting back there with me that are on the other side of 25 and they skate all the time. So it's not a sport that's just limited to elementary aged kids or high school kids. It's a sport that can involve people from 3 or 4 years old up until —, well, we'll see how long these guys keep skating as they get older, but you know there's no limitation. And I agree with Commissioner Thomas, it's just — it's a wonderful opportunity. One thing I neglected to say is we have formed our nonprofit, but we have also submitted our 501(c)(3) paperwork but have not heard back from the IRS at this point.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Farrell.

Commissioner Farrell said, welcome. I always like to see my representatives from Tybee to come visit us and thank you for coming. I just want to voice my support, as I have in the past, that with all the properties that the County have that I for one would like to work with you to find a suitable location for the skate park. So —.

Mayor Buelterman said, that's great. We appreciate it. We had quite a debate on Tybee about this and ultimately this came down to our — there weren't many places on Tybee you could put something like this and not have an impact on the neighbors, whereas the County has much larger facilities where the impact on the neighborhood would be much less. That was what it came down to, and through working on that I got to meet a lot of really great people in Chatham County, who not only wanted one on Tybee but would love to see one in a more centrally located place in Chatham County.

Chairman Liakakis said, I know there's a number of citizens in Savannah and Chatham County that supported the one at Tybee also. So it wasn't just Tybee residents on that for that particular skate park, and there have been multitudes of legal investigation into this because looking at the data that I saw that many of the cities and counties that have those, multitudes of them around the country, that they looked into it and felt that it was okay, that it did not put a burden, a big burden on those cities or counties that put up those parks. What I'd like to do right now is have a motion to conceptually approve the Lake Mayer as a location for the park.

Commissioner Gellatly said, I just have one question before we do that. I share Commissioner Stone's question, you know, if there is any liability and, secondly, you put it in, are you also going to maintain it from now on. In other words, it won't become our baby by years from now and —.

Mayor Buelterman said, that's a really good question and that's, of course, something that we considered. We actually did have skate park on Tybee and we used what were called modular ramps, which were just wooden ramps that broke down and we had to take them out and we committed to the kids that were out there that we would redo it, and ultimately we did not do that. You can build them in such a way, a concrete park that is very low in maintenance over the long term. Of course, eventually you would have to —. Commissioner Gellatly asked, then it would become our baby at that time? Mayor Buelterman said, there are different ways you could work that out. I mean, I'm sure there's a way that just like you've done with some other facilities. As I understand the recreational facilities of the county come up with a mechanism for limiting the County's financial obligation on the long term.

Commissioner Gellatly said, I'm not going to support a vote on that until we have something in front of us that we can look at because we're facing some really tough financial times.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Odell.

Commissioner Odell said, all we're doing today is approving the concept to go forward. We're not committing a penny of resources and before any resources are committed, it will come back to us and your concerns will be addressed. The liability issue will be addressed. I agree, we are facing some substantial tough times, but I think conceptually it is good and we can conceptually only look at it at this point.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Youth Commissioner Sanders.

Youth Commissioner Sanders said, I was just wondering. Are you guys, you know, for the kids that do not know how to skate, are you guys going to provide lessons for those kids?

Ms. Williams said, yes. That was part of our application process with the IRS that we would hold clinics for teaching skills, promoting safety and things of that nature. Down the road we may even have some small contests. I know there have been contests in the parking lot at Lake Mayer many years ago, and so we would like to continue with that. And going back to the maintenance issue, what we are working towards is building a concrete skate park so that you're not going to have wooden ramps breaking down over time. It will be very low maintenance and the nonprofit will assume responsibility, for example, if there's a crack. No offense to any department of Public Works folks, but the skaters don't want someone who is not very knowledgeable about skate parks doing repairs because if you have a seam or a bump that mean seem insignificant to us walking around, being on a skate board it's a whole different story. So we would maintain the concrete structure. You know, of course there's many things

being negotiated. I would assume the County would continue to mow around the area just as they do now, but we would not be adding any additional maintenance or cost to the County.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. This is just a conceptual vote right now for Lake Mayer. As Commissioner Harris [Odell] was talking about, we're not putting it into place right now as far as building it or having the other entities involved in it, so I'd like a motion on the floor now just for the conceptual part of it.

Commissioner Farrell said, I'll make a motion that we allow staff to conceptually look into the possibility of locating that skate park at Lake Mayer.

County Manager Abolt asked, may I make it even possibly simpler? Staff has looked at it. We've shadowed — shaded in the site. I think the occasion now would be to tell the interest group that, you know, if all comes together this is the site. It would make it much easier for them, I would assume, to raise money. Not any different than when Commissioner Kicklighter several years ago brought the [inaudible] golf thing at Triplett Park. You're just saying, okay, if you come up with everything that's satisfactory of y'all you will entertain it, but give them the chance to raise the funds based on a site, and then we would satisfy Commissioner Gellatly and y'all as to the liability and future expense of this.

Chairman Liakakis said, we need a second. Commissioner Kicklighter said, I did. Chairman Liakakis said, okay, let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.] Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes. Thank you very much. We appreciate your coming.

Ms, Williams said, thank you and I just want you to know, you guys are heroes for a lot of people in Chatham County today. Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell made a motion to conceptually approve a site at Lake Mayer for a skate park. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: VI-1
AGENDA DATE: April 23, 2010

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Patrick Monahan, Asst. County Manager
Robert W. Drewry, Director, Public Works & Parks Services

ISSUE:
To present information about previous inquiries about a skateboard park at Lake Mayer.

BACKGROUND:
During debate a few years ago about a skateboard park on Tybee Island, a Tybee Island council member contacted staff about such a facility on county property. Staff looked at several recreational sites and concluded an available option would be at Lake Mayer.

- FACTS & FINDINGS:**
1. Based on the inquiry a few years ago from a Tybee Island council member, staff identified an area at lake Mayer where a skateboard park could be developed and constructed. While the available site would not be within proximity of Tybee Island, the closer options of possible sites at Charlie Brooks Park, soccer fields on Concord Road nor the Demere tract would not prove feasible because of previously-approved plans or other restrictions.
 2. The available site at Lake Mayer would be within proximity of the existing inline hockey roller rink. The attached photo shows the area.
 3. The photo shows that such a facility could be situated at Lake Mayer based on the size criteria provided. Staff did not evaluate construction cost nor operating expense, liability nor appropriateness.

FUNDING:
The Board considers new capital projects within the 5-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Projects become rated against other capital expenditures based on a priority system; however, the evaluation does not favor new projects since capital projects with legal requirements and maintenance/enhancement of existing assets take precedence.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

While the decision of whether the Board wants to pursue a new recreational facility at arguably the community's most-visited park remains a policy decision, before this becomes a county project consideration should be given to issues such as responsibility for constructing, operating and assuming responsibility for liability.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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2. REQUEST FROM CITY OF BLOOMINGDALE FOR EXEMPTION FROM 2009 TAXES ON PROPERTY AT 8 PINE STREET, BLOOMINGDALE, THAT THE CITY PURCHASED IN APRIL OF 2009.

Chairman Liakakis said, and this is — we can work that out. The County Manager on this Bloomingdale — there's a way that our Attorney has discussed this and they can bring that information back up.

County Manager Abolt said, may I suggest, Mr. Chairman, that you just indicate the desire to make the City of Bloomingdale whole in this matter and that would suffice the legal sequencing without having the specific step by step process.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, move for approval. Commissioner Farrell said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter made a motion to approve the request from City of Bloomingdale for exemption from 2009 taxes on property at 8 Pine Street, Bloomingdale, that the City purchased in April of 2009. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: VI-2
AGENDA DATE: April 23, 2010

City of Bloomingdale

Post Office Box 216
Bloomingdale, Georgia 31302

April 12, 2010

Mr. Daniel T. Powers, Tax Commissioner
Chatham County Tax Commissioner
#133 Montgomery Street
Savannah, GA 31401

RE: Property ID #8-0010D04005 - #8 Pine Street

Dear Mr. Powers,

The City of Bloomingdale is attempting to clear up an outstanding tax bill for 2009 on property located at #8 Pine Street, Bloomingdale, GA. The City purchased the property from Olliff and Marilyn Joan Saxon in April, 2009. Since the City of Bloomingdale is a tax exempt entity, it was assumed that any taxes owed after the City obtained possession of the property would be waived. However, we contacted the Chatham County Tax Assessor's Office about the bill in late January, 2010 and were advised in February, 2010 that their board did not have the authority to grant a partial exemption based on acquisition of the property by the City after January 1, 2009. We understand there would be taxes owed from January 1, 2009 until the closing on the property in April, 2009 and if payment of these monies has not yet been made by the closing attorney, we will see they are paid immediately. However, at the advise of the City Attorney, I am writing to you to see if the county will grant an exemption to the City of

Bloomingtondale for the balance of the 2009 taxes owed on this property to Chatham County from the closing in April, 2009 until December 31, 2009.

I would appreciate any help you can give the City on this matter. If you should need any additional information, please contact me or the City Clerk, Sandra Jones, at 912 748-0970.

Sincerely,

Wayne E. Tipton, Mayor
City of Bloomingtondale

Chairman Pete Liakakis, Chatham County Commission
Commissioner Dean Kicklighter

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M E M O R A N D U M

Date: April 20, 2010
To: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
From: Daniel T. Powers, Tax Commissioner
Subject: Property identification Number 8001D04005 - Request from City of Bloomingtondale Regarding 2009 Taxes

Russ, the total tax billed for tax year 2009 on this property is \$1204.72. In addition interest to date is \$60.25 and the penalty amount is \$120.47 for a total due of \$1385.44

I have no objection should the Board of Commissioners vote to abate the taxes, interest and penalty. Similar situations have been handled in this manner in the past.

cc: Chairman Pete Liakakis, Chatham County Commission
Commissioner Dean Kicklighter
R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney
Wayne E. Tipton, Mayor, City of Bloomingtondale, P. O. Box 216, Bloomingtondale, GA

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

Chairman Liakakis said, under Commissioners' Items we need a vote on the floor to add a Public Defender's item to the agenda. Commissioner Stone said, you already did that. Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Then let's take that item now.

[NOTE: Item 3 was heard at this point on the agenda.]

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1. ANDERSON-COHEN WEIGHTLIFTING CENTER (COMMISSIONER KICKLIGHTER).

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess I'd like to start this conversation out with, I guess, talking about the geniuses, the brilliant people at the *Savannah Morning News* paper. Back on March 4, 2002, I was the recipient of actually a funny cartoon that made the newspaper. Back at that time the County was facing I believe around a \$12,000,000 deficit, so I proposed at that time that we look at options such as letting the YMCA take over the Weightlifting Center for a dollar, letting the YMCA possibly run the Aquatic Center, which was losing about I believe seven hundred and some thousand dollars a year back at that time, and also proposed that we look at giving the Tybee Pier over to Tybee because it was losing money back at that time, and this little cartoon came out in the paper then and it says: "I don't believe it. After our trip to New York when that man tried to sell you the Brooklyn bridge, you go to a County Commission meeting and someone sells you the Tybee Pier" — and he's holding a deed with my name on it, and he says "Ah, but this time I drove a harder bargain. For an extra buck he threw in my choice of the Weightlifting or Aquatic Centers." Then it has a picture of me talking to the little cartoon guy and it says, "The County will thank me later." It's really good, funny. I had it framed and it hangs on my wall, but the newspaper actually usually comes around. This morning, Editorial Board, in the paper today — I'm not going to read the whole article:

"COUNTY BUDGET

"Heavy Lifting

"Chatham County commissioners should be cautious about making any major spending decisions over the next two months.

"That includes acting on a proposed contract to run the county-owned weightlifting center...." — This being the RFP, I would assume, that went out.

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"The Savannah-Chatham County school board is forecasting a dip in local funds for the next school year because of a drop in the county's tax digest, which was triggered by declining property values. Hence [the] school board members are looking at cutting costs and shedding programs, while also considering a painful hike in the school system's millage rate.

"County commissioners use the same tax digest numbers as the school board. That means they're likely to face the same difficult choices.

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"The county-owned center..." — and they're speaking of the weightlifting center here — "was built during the feverish heyday of the 1996 Olympic Games....

"The county's aquatic center was part of that vision. So was the soccer complex, a new track at Savannah State University's football stadium....

It goes on to say:

"That dream, unfortunately, largely went bust."

Then it says:

"But the facilities that were built with local tax dollars remained. So did the annual operating expenses.

"In the case of the weightlifting center, it has never paid its own way. Last year, it cost the county [taxpayers] nearly \$300,000 to operate."

And without me researching it, I believe back when that nice little cartoon came out, I think it was costing us around \$170,000-something then. So it's up to around \$300,000 now in eight years. So it goes on to say:

"...[C]ould the county save money by contracting with the YMCA. That's what Tybee ... did. They did it for a lot less than \$300,000, and they serve about 600 members.

Thank you, *Savannah Morning News*, for making my point eight years later. We're losing \$300,000 a year on that facility and now the Aquatic Center is losing, I believe, somewhere around a million dollars a year. We're about to face a major deficit. We've already laid off real people, real employees from one department in the County. \$300,000 would pay everyone's salary on this Board. It would pay several employees' salaries for the County. It — so what I have done here, and I still agree if the YMCA would take over with stipulations to keep it open to the public, I still think that is a good idea. Well, it is now.

Now I want to put it in perspective for the public out there watching. With this Olympic legacy that we have here, the goal I believe it's my understanding was to train Olympic weightlifters for the Olympics, and no doubt there's been a fine job of that that's been done. They've produced wonderful weightlifters but as of now in the numbers that I actually received, the rosters and everything, what I found was 38 — there was actually 38 local people on this — doing the Olympic weightlifting. The roster I had at the time showed about 106 total, and I can dive into my papers and give you the exact, but 60-something of the 106 I believe were actually — I know, they lived either out of state or out of county, so we have 38 local Olympic lifters on the roster that I have. You divide that into \$273,900. We are paying \$7,207 per local Olympic lifter that's more than most places pay to actually educate a child per year. Ridiculous when we're talking right now, I think I heard on the way in, Cobb County just laid off 600 teachers and Chatham County is facing a disaster. This \$7,200 per local lifter — wow! That's a huge expense.

Misconceptions with the RFP that went out. There's many misconceptions that I found through my research. I'd like to share just a couple. You don't have to be a senior international coach to coach on the international level or on the national level. There's five levels of coaches out there. Four of the five can actually coach on national level, and I believe that three of the five, and I can give you the exact, can coach on the international level. There's, off the top of my head, I think there's 38 senior international coaches in the entire United States and four of them actually work for our current contractor. So, that's interesting. I'm not going to go barge into this. I will pull it if you want the exact on that for sure, but it leaves a very few people in the entire country to coach Olympic lifting if everybody went by the criteria that we have in that RFP. It drives up cost and it eliminates bidders when you're talking a few people in the entire country with a certain credentials. It's really not needed to have that level of credentials there. There's four other levels that actually works pretty good there.

Also, the part that drove up costs a little bit more on the current RFP is the requirement of a physical therapist. That's not needed. They're not doing physical therapy, they're providing a facility with oversight for people who may have had difficulties, who may have been booted out of physical therapy. They're just overseeing people working out that can't afford to go to a hospital to work out. It's another thing that's in place now that has not been in place in this current RFP, and it's not needed. It drives up costs again.

Now what I've come up with, because I know in my heart of hearts it would work because I think any business person that remotely enjoys fitness would be an idiot not to jump on this deal, is really pretty simple and it's actually so simple that I really feel that it probably won't get approved. It's a true public/private partnership. We have — I've heard two numbers now — \$250,000 in SPLOST revenues for capital improvements, and I think I read in the paper \$500,000 in revenues, SPLOST. Robert [Drewry], can you tell me which amount that would be?

Mr. Drewry said, good morning. Robert Drewry, Director of Public Works and Park Services. SPLOST, the current SPLOST program has allocated a half million dollars for the Weightlifting Center, and that I think the report went out yesterday if I'm not mistaken from the County Manager.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. I don't know why I got the other report. Okay.

County Manager Abolt said, all it was was a report from Ms. Cramer that was asking with the downturn in SPLOST what might we see as a ratchet down the figures, that's all.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Alright, well, thank you, but basically we have \$500,000 sitting there for capital improvements, sales tax dollars for the people in home. You cannot utilize those — that — the money there to pay operating expenses. It has to go for capital improvements, so what we have the opportunity to do here, and I broke it down and gave you a list before. We could easily go in there, gut that entire facility because much to my surprise and contrary to what we heard, I think we own, the County actually owns like two machines in there. The rest of it is owned by our current contractor, which is amazing to me. But we could gut the facility, we could take, replace flooring, we could rearrange. We can — there is no reason just because it's a County and government-owned facility that it has to lose \$300,000 a year. They already have equipment in there that should — the type of equipment and all is for the mainstream public. They have the power with the machines, they have the cardiovascular machines, they have everything that should [inaudible], but in a nutshell the stuff that's in there is unkept, it's dirty, it's rundown, it's not appealing, and it's not going to attract people from the general public to work out when there's other options out there that are better maintained and better equipped.

For \$60,000 and you have this. You could have 20 Nautilus bicycles in there. You could have 10 top-notch steppers, and I won't go through all of the machines. But you could have a cardio section which is a draw now heart smart for the general population. You could put televisions, you could have it absolutely beautiful. You rearrange this fitness facility. Currently there's 12 Olympic lifting platforms. Keep in mind 38 local Olympic lifting people that does this actual training for Olympics. The minimum — it's my understanding that the minimum requirement for to still be considered an Olympic type facility is you can have six platforms. So you reduce the number in half. That will open up roughly a third of the facility. You change the entrance up, you walk in, all of a sudden you're in this amazing cardio area. The next section you put in brand new state of the art power machines second to none. The third area is your Olympic lifting area. The fourth area where there's offices in the back, I figure, and I'll get to the point and it might make sense in a minute, you add tanning beds in the back. The front area, which is currently storage in an office, you tear it out, you put in a sports pro shop because these people are buying wraps, they're buying supplements, they're buying all kinds of things, but they're buying them elsewhere. You put a small storage building in the back, you move the office to the front storage building which is connected, and you put out an RFP at this point that says, okay, we've got great business people out there. This is yours. Come take this million dollar — multi-million dollar fully equipped state of the art top-notch facility, and here's all you have to do. You train Olympic lifters eight hours a week, [inaudible] times or whatever times, and you will provide the same quality care that we provide for the handicapped children right now, disadvantaged children coming from our public schools, which is eight hours a week, and I believe there is an additional four or six hours provided for older citizens who need extra assistance, and you keep — excuse me for one second — you keep all of the revenues from all of the memberships. It's yours. You can raise the membership fee up to \$15 a month. You can charge extra if you choose for people who want to use tanning beds. You can charge extra for cycling classes, if you want. You can charge extra for aerobic classes, if you choose. This is your building. All you have to do is train very few hours. This is yours free, your revenues.

What does that do? That encourages the contractor to come in, take over the state of the art facility, to promote it, to properly maintain it. All this splitting of stuff we're doing now, splitting out bids for someone to clean it, splitting out another bid for someone to train — oversee the disadvantaged while they're training. It's a waste of money. That's government as we know it, and it don't work and we're about to face the same type music we faced back in the early part of 2000. And, I encourage you to, and again I could go on and on and on, and I will if anyone cares to continue this, but I really encourage this group to not rubberstamp another \$300,000 out the door. I have a proposal in place here, and I will say this. My plan would actually in year one, rather than \$297,800, which is currently proposed, the County taxpayers in year one would save \$222,800. Year two they would save the same amount, \$222,800. Year three they would save \$260,300. Year four clear. Over a four year period, this plan would save our taxpayers \$1,003,700. There's no reason this would not work. There's many, many people out there, private business people that put their money into a facility and they can't afford to even begin to make it as nice as we can make it there. Why wouldn't you, if you were thinking of operating a facility or opening a fitness center, why in the world wouldn't you take over a state of the art facility for free and just provide some training. Year one and two in order to help get the contractor started, because I'm just thinking we need to provide some type of assistance. I think the County should budget and pay for the electric and water minus the capital expenses. Right now we're budgeting, the County is budgeting \$100,000 for the utility bills and small minor repairs, although when I actually received the numbers the utility bill was only \$24,000. So the County should budget \$50,000 for utilities and minor repairs. We should pay that and we should give the contractor \$25,000 in years one and two to help pay for coaches so they could help pay it. So basically in years one and two we can offer them to take over this state of the art facility, we'll pay the electric bill. All of it's yours. You keep all revenues, you keep everything and we're going to give you \$25,000 to help pay these coaches to train the Olympic athletes and to help train these disadvantaged children. Who wouldn't take it?

Year three it cuts down from the \$75,000 each year in years one and two, it cuts that in half where year three we provide \$37,500 to assist with electric and water or utility bills, whatever, and coaching and, again, year four they are on their own — \$1,000,000 saved in four years.

We're at a time where we are realistically looking at telling people at home that taxes could possibly have to go up or we're facing looking at employees who work hard for the County, looking them in the face and telling them we can no longer afford to keep them and, you know, and in a half a billion dollar budget \$1,000,000 over four years really it's not much, but maybe next step we look at some way to save in some other area and, you know, you do this enough and maybe we'll make a dent in not actually hurt people. So I don't expect you to approve this plan right here as of now, but I would like to have a conceptual approval to this concept to for me and whoever would choose to be on a committee to work with staff to iron out this format to bring back for a vote because I'm sure in here, you know, we could find a mistake somewhere. So I want it to be right when it's approved and hopefully it's right now, but I don't expect you to vote on something this big without having everything and staff going through and doing the numbers also.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so I make a motion for conceptual approval of this idea and I would appreciate a second. Commissioner Gellatly said, second.

Commissioner Odell asked, may I ask a question? Dean [Kicklighter], the contract is up for consideration now? Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's — no, it's actually, I guess, under my name so —. Commissioner Odell said, no, no. The contract for the Weight Center. Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes, it is. Commissioner Odell said, and we'll be going into serious budget finalization. Russ [Abolt], you've set up the budget workshops? County Manager Abolt said, you've adopted the schedule, which will include budget workshop, yes sir. You'll receive my budget proposal on the 14th and then you'll begin with, I know, shirt sleeves rolled up, pretty intense discussions between then and the end of June. You're very close, sir.

Commissioner Odell asked, to review Commissioner Kicklighter's proposal and to have it as part of the 2010-2011 budget, procedurally would that require us to postpone renewing the current contract? County Manager Abolt said, not having the benefit of this presentation prior to this date, I've asked the Purchasing Agent to communicate to the proposers, those contractors in waiting, to keep their proposal open until after your budget deliberations. So my intent has been to give you the maximum amount of options. What you might choose to do is go through the entire budget and then decide what you want to do on the Weightlifting Center. I don't want to diminish what is being discussed today, but I share with all of you not the most optimistic feelings toward what that digest is going to be. So come June this whole issue, you know, may become in a different context than it is right now. Because of the gravity of the type of budget, this isn't going to be made.

Commissioner Odell said, my desire is that I think when economic times are great, then it's not absolutely necessary to look at every penny, but I think that we have grown into a position where every penny is essential and our biggest assets are our employees. We've already cut back in one department and depending on the level of the digest, it is potential that we will cut back in others. As for me, it gets to be a cost value, and that is what's the value of what you're getting and what's the cost and compare that cost with other options and then you make a determination. And I assume that Mr. Kicklighter's numbers are correct, if we are spending \$7,000-something per, absolutely that gives me some concerns. Not that I don't think that it's a good program or not that because I'm not supporting any particular individual, but I think we financially are arriving to the point where we're going to have to question many of these kinds of expenditures and, albeit, it will not be popular because everyone has their sacred cow in the race, but ultimately we are the ones who are accountable. Ultimately, it's us. And you just can't get blood from a turnip and we're going to have a truckload of turnips come millage day. I don't want to make a finan-

cial commitment on the Weightlifting Center when that means that we may have to cut some other essential areas that two or three hundred thousand dollars would be the difference between success or failure for those departments. My preference would be that this be delayed until we can put it in perspective with other options for that money, and that would be at budget time. That is my desire. I have no problems with conceptually looking at Dean's [Kicklighter] proposal, but not to say that that's the only proposal, but —. Commissioner Kicklighter said, right. I agree. Commissioner Odell said, but to say, you know —.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, even include the Y and I will, with permission, I will amend my motion to include looking at options, as I stated back in 2000 and whatever, to include conversations with the YMCA — No, I didn't mention the Aquatic Center —. Chairman Liakakis said, no, you mentioned it when you read that over there. Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'm not talking about the Aquatic Center, Mr. Chairman. I'm talking about the weightlifting facility.

Commissioner Odell said, it's obvious that you spent a lot of time on it. Emotionally, I'm not certain as to how we go about going from a substantial decrease in millage in some of the programs that we support and doing a comparative analysis of we'll give this a \$7,000 and we're not getting this that will cost \$700, and what is the benefit to our citizens, and that gives me some serious concerns.

Chairman Liakakis said, hold it. Let him finish. Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay, I was going to answer something for him. Chairman Liakakis said, that's okay.

Commissioner Odell said, I don't know what you guys are doing, but as for me, if I'm speaking, I'll accept if you have a question, you could ask me a question. Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. Commissioner Odell said, and I'll yield for your question.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you very much, Commissioner. The numbers that I told you, that's based on March 2, 2010, Mr. Michael Cohen gave me a printout of the roster for Team Savannah, and at that point my breakdown of the numbers going through was there was a 106 Team Savannah members on that roster; 40 of the 106 lived out of state; out of county, 28 of the 106 lived out of county. So 68 of 106 lived either out of state or out of county. That left 38 local weightlifters on this roster. Only 19 of the 38 that was there actually show up on the membership list that I obtained from the Cohens as ever have been a member of the Cohen-Anderson facility. And from the information I received, only 12 of the 19 that was even ever listed shows up as actually paying something at some point. Commissioner Odell asked, how many? Commissioner Kicklighter said, 12 of the locals showed up and the breakdown of the membership of the gym itself that I had was over a period of three months. It actually stemmed from December of '09, January '10, February and then March, but I did not when I actually broke down revenues and everything on here, but I took my estimates from the three month period — December, January and February — because I obtained all of this information, I believe March 2nd, so that wasn't enough time to be fair in case somebody paid a couple of days later. So over that three month period that I had in my hand, there was actually all that I could find as being a member of our facility, a paying member at some point, and this wasn't even paying the overall three months, was 12 people that are actually a part of Team Savannah. Now —.

Commissioner Odell said, so a Weightlifting Center that has 12 weightlifters —. Commissioner Kicklighter said, 12 that paid something during that time. So if I broke — the numbers I gave you on \$7,000 per person was based on 38 local lifters. We could divide 12 into two hundred and eighty something thousand dollars, and that's quite a bit of money for, you know —, but in all fairness I believe the policy allows family members to work out at the facility free, so I believe there may be several family members that are lifters that probably wouldn't show up on the paid membership or as a member of the actual County facility. So that could be how — you know, I don't know.

Commissioner Odell said, if I could resume just for a minute and then I'll finish. My sincere concern is that although I am often characterized as being a bleeding heart liberal, I've been in business for 30 years and I have never had the support of any government. I am — I chose to live in Savannah. All of the minority contracts, I am not a local minority, although I thought I was. I get none of that benefit. My point is just this: If I don't make it, I can't spend it, and we in government, we're going to have a problem with the millage is not going to make it. Now this is not pleasant and a lot of people are not going to be happy, but the bottom line is that we are facing some draconian decisions. We are facing some budget tightening that's going to make eyes bulge. I'm not willing to make a commitment with a fellow Commissioner having these kind of concerns to say that I'm willing to spend \$300,000. I cannot at this point say that I don't care if staff in unison sings it to me or everybody else. Ultimately, it will be the Commission when there are not enough dollars to go around who will be criticized. It will be the Commission when we have to cut staff who will be characterized as making the budget reduction. So it is my position that it is our decision. My decision and my concern is right now I'm not willing to spend \$300,000 for 12 or 38 people when there is some substantial other needs. I'm just not willing to do that, and I appreciate the time, Mr. Chairman, and I'm done.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Here we go. We're going to have — we have incorrect figures there when they say that that's just the amount of people that work for Team Savannah. Now let me tell you, we have over 200 people that have disabilities in our community. Over 200 of them that go in there for exercise. As he mentioned over there, there's over 200. I got that information from Abilities Unlimited this morning. They came in front of this Courthouse a little after eight to go in that, and they can prove the figures in that, and there's no other place for the majority of those 200 people that use that facility can go because many of them do not have the money. They don't have the money. These people, their families, their guardians that take them there, I invite all of the citizens

of Chatham County and this Commission to go there. A few of us have gone there and seen that, and let's go for this too. I have been in that facility numerous times and I have watched not only the Abilities Unlimited, but I've seen other people come and use part of it for the weightlifting, and they have members from Savannah State University that goes there for training, they have them from Calvary School, they have them from Benedictine, and many other people go in there that are not a member of Team Savannah to exercise. So you can't use some \$7,000 figure for that when you have hundreds of people going into that facility to have training over there to go weightlifting to help their health and help those people with Abilities Unlimited inside there. So that \$7,000 figure plus is incorrect because I have personally seen all of these people. A couple of the Commissioners, James Holmes I know has been in there and seen multitudes of people; Priscilla Thomas, our Commissioner, has seen that also, and let's look at this. Recreation is a part of the quality of life in an area. It's part of the quality of life in our County and our cities and our State because a lot of companies that move into our area, one of the things they have requested — and you can go to Savannah Economic Development Authority, they'll give you those particular figures — they want to see what the school system is, what recreation, what kind of things do you have for the benefit of the citizens in the community.

Let's look what the County is doing. For recreation what the County is doing: for walking trails, for football, for soccer, for the Aquatic Center, for recreation areas like Lake Mayer, Tom Triplett Park, fishing piers and all of that. If we want to, you know, you put in there, you'll have some astronomical figure that you can put on certain amount when you're talking about trails that we have in our community and what our County staff is doing to make this community, our County more green to fix those facilities where they have bought all of those green areas on the Westside for the benefit of the community.

Now, as I mentioned, many of those people that go in there just have not got the money to pay for that. So there are a lot of these things like the soccer fields, the football fields and many of those other things people don't pay for that, so we have to look at really get the right figures, not an incorrect figure about that. And I understand what Dean [Kicklighter] has done, he's talking about Team Savannah alone, but all of those other people, they are not — Team Savannah is not the only one that utilize that, and that can be verified. So you take that figure. It's incorrect for the usage of that particular location. When we see places like Savannah State and Benedictine, Calvary, and there's other schools, you know, some of their students that are on the football team come into that location to work out. They don't have it, you know, in some places in some of the schools, they don't have that, and so they come to this center, this Weightlifting Center, so that they can exercise and all. So we have to look at that and not, you know, put in and it's just a misinterpretation that what Dean has given about \$7,000 about the use of that Weightlifting Center because, as I've mentioned, there have been a number of our Commissioners have gone over there and seen multitudes of people inside there.

And my concern, too, is those people that have those disabilities, both mental and physical disabilities, and they have said that and mentioned it to a few of our Commissioners that they went to, for example, some of the hospitals, but they could not continue to do the things in the hospital, and one individual came up to me when I was there a few weeks ago, the mother, and said my son was at another facility getting therapy but he has come over here now and he was very disruptive in my home. He was raising the devil and all, and I couldn't hardly control him. I had gone to see an attorney to see what we could do on this, but she said, since I found out about this Weightlifting Center and Abilities Unlimited, I brought him over here. He's just as calm. When he goes over there and he just lifts the bar, all he does is lift the bar, and all of those people with disabilities or the families and guardians, they, you know, applaud him for doing that. He has changed now. He has got, you know, a different attitude. He's not disruptive in the family, and that's really important. So when we took all of these recreation things that we've got, that's a large amount of money, and we need to look at this thing to do the right thing so that that Weightlifting Center will be able to provide and not to go in and use an incorrect figure of \$7,000.

Now, the next thing I'll call on Priscilla [Thomas] because she had her hands up when I was speaking.

Commissioner Thomas said, I just have one question, Mr. Chairman, to the County Manager, and this question is — I'm trying to refresh my memory. The Weightlifting Facility was a part of the SPLOST referendum. Am I correct, as with — as was the Aquatic Center and others? County Manager Abolt said, that's correct, ma'am, as part of —. Commissioner Thomas said, if — I'm sorry —, and if my memory serves me correctly, part of the selling point to the citizens of Chatham County was to make sure that those persons who were unable to pay to use the facility had the right to use the facility. Now that was one of the big selling points back in those times, if I remember correctly. I asked that question because I have great concerns. I've sat here and I've listened attentively and I mean everybody has great points, and I have a lot of concerns too. I have been to that facility and I've utilized it with the many of the children and I have not found anything that was out of the way during my visits. I can only speak about what I saw. My main concern again is that I thought that when we go to the public and we say that we're going to — we want you to support this referendum because of these things, then I thought that's what we were, you know, we were supposed to be held responsible for. I'm not sure now which way we're going. Mr. Manager, could you —.

County Manager Abolt said, yes ma'am, and I believe you've answered the question you posed and you've done it in a very effective way. In 1993 there was a SPLOST vote and it was in the expectation and with the luster of the future Olympics then scheduled for 1996. The Board for the first time went beyond just roads and drainage and added to SPLOST what was referred to as an Olympic Legacy, which called for introducing the Aquatic Center, Soccer Complex, the Olympic Track and Field, which was eventually located at Wright Stadium at Savannah State University, the Olympic Weightlifting Center, and then also for a time, though it's still [inaudible] in some minor

form, yachting at Lake Mayer, and the intent was to not only capture the expectation of the Olympics but [inaudible] for youngsters in the generations to come to aspire to those sports that are touted big time in the Olympics.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Holmes.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. In our plans that we have now, do we have a plan in place to monitor Cohen's Weightlifting Gym? Did somebody say that they were going to monitor it after —. County Manager Abolt said, it's a plan that needs to be improved, yes sir. The expectation behind the solicitation is that there would be even greater accountability, and there have been problems. I think you are all very well aware of those and we're trying to rectify initially to go out and provide an opportunity for those to compete on the level of Olympic Weightlifting contracts, then Abilities Unlimited type of services provided and then general custodial. Commissioner Holmes said, okay. So I'm going back to what you were just saying, the question I just asked, are there going to be a group to do the monitoring of the gym in the future? County Manager Abolt said, yes sir.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay. Since this issue's been before us, and I kind of feel sorry for the representative that was coming up here before us and leaving and we were not taking care of it, if I were campaigning this year for my position, I would hire the both of those groups to lobby for me. I would hire them to help me because since this issue came before us, I've met so many people who are affiliated with both groups, and I don't see any group no better than the other. But I do know this. We all judge things by its records and how it's kept. We judge things by a track record of whether you win this or you lose this, but I don't judge things by pennypicking of whether a place is clean. Now very few gyms that I went into you don't get a gym smell. You're going to get a gym smell because of the activity. I've been into that gym many, many times and I have yet to go in there and say, well, I would like to see this improved, I'd like to see this or that.

I went over there to a section where these kids were performing. I've never seen anything like that, to see the glow on the eyes, the staff interacting, the staff working. So the question I would ask, the two groups that are lobbying to position themselves, we don't know what one is doing but we know what the other has done. The name Team Savannah has got a track record in Chatham County. Does it say it's done everything that it's supposed to do since 1996? The answer would be no. But I also heard Dean [Kicklighter] mention something that opened all of our eyes and Odell alluded to it about the financial. You know, I keep listening to Dean [Kicklighter] talking and I wonder if Dean should be working on Wall Street because he crunched numbers so well. But is those numbers correct? I don't know, but he does a good job of doing his homework. If I have to go on board of saying what I want to do today, at this moment I wouldn't say, but I do know this. If all we were saying about our budget and what's coming up in June, if we're not looking at that, then we shouldn't be elected officials up here. So I don't want to continue going like we're going for what Dean [Kicklighter] said because of the finance, but I don't want to see too much change coming because one is not proven to me that they're going to serve like we want to be served and then the other have a track record of serving.

So I'm going to ask that we look at this very, very closely, and Mr. Russ Abolt, I would like to know who's going to do that monitoring, I'd like to know who's on that group, and after we do that, if we have to do what Odell said just now and what he's saying that I think we all need to listen at what's being said because we don't want to step into something here today and make a harshly decision that would bite us down the line. But I'm going to close with this. The track record that I see is where I will stand.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. One of the concerns that I've always had about our SPLOST dollars is that it's great at building things, but it doesn't provide for the support financially. And we build these things and then it's up to the Commission to decide how to make them financially solvent continuously. I believe that this Center is very good for this community and I believe that the Chairman has spoken before about seeing individuals out there that, in his words, brought tears to his eyes and that it is a much needed facility. I know that there have been problems there because I've listened to the phone conversations and the concerns from citizens, and I know that when contracts expire that it is our job to either put them out for bid or for proposals, and I believe that that is the stage that we are at now. But I also agree with what Commissioner Odell has said that we are in a very unusual time now, and I'm not comfortable making a decision today when we are about to go into our budget planning for fiscal year 2010-2011 and make a hasty decision without all the information being laid out in front of us succinctly. We have a responsibility for the taxpayers' dollars in this community and it is incumbent upon us to spend this money wisely. Is it a necessary facility? No doubt about it, no doubt about it. But I think we've got to look at the best way to make this facility float and not to put it on the back of taxpayers especially in this current economy. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Liakakis said, and, you know, whether it's Team Savannah or some other entity that come in, but I do not think that we ought to have a private company come in there because I know they'll want to be charging people there like those people that have physical and mental abilities — limitations to come inside that particular place when I have personally seen, and this is not just listening to somebody, that there are hundreds of people that are using that facility, not just the people with Team Savannah, because I have been in there and watched that and I have been in there probably in the last couple of years now multitude and multitudes of times to see what's in there, and as I said, recreation is a part of the quality of life and that's why cities and counties do that all over the state in this state and in the entire country, but when we are giving out information, we need to look at it. Maybe there's just a misunderstanding on Commissioner Kicklighter's part about, and I can understand what he's saying

about the people that he knows that's right there, but it's not just them. It's all these other people that use that, that come in there from the schools, from the individual citizens that go in there, and I think that we have a responsibility to consider them also.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, with all due respect, I would tear you apart if you want to come challenge me with numbers. I didn't receive anything this morning standing outside as far as numbers. I have a stack of paperwork sitting behind me. If you want actual numbers, sir, I'll give you actual numbers. In 2002, \$176,000 was spent; '03, \$186,000; '04, \$150,000; '05, \$191,000; '06, \$201,000; '07, \$222,000; '08, \$240,000; '09, \$255,000; '10, \$273,900. There's your actual numbers, sir. Based off of the original intent and goal of this Olympic Weightlifting Facility is the figure that I presented to this Commission of the \$7,000 per person. You played a very good fiddle, heart string, whatever by talking about the children out there. That's why my plan, if you would chose to listen to my plan when I speak it, included keeping everything in place at that facility for special-needs children as well as special-needs adults. I'm not whatsoever proposing throwing disadvantaged people out on the streets. I agree with everybody when you say government, you know, there's some things we have to do that you lose money on. I agree, that would be policing. That would be fire protection. That would be many public safety issues. Yes, that would even include recreation, but here's where the problem comes with government. Why lose in areas you don't have to lose in. Just because you lose, it's okay. Yeah, I'll just tax old Joe over there a little bit more money and let him pay a little more.

I have no problem with the current contractor. Not whatsoever. I have no problem with the other person who bid on the thing, but I think both bids should be thrown out, both of them. They need to be thrown out, reworked with a new vision that is open to a true public/private partnership. I honestly, and I've stated this, I really have no problems with the current provider. They have upheld their agreement just as given. I mean, hey, I would take the money if we're giving it, but the thing — and I honestly have no problems with them or anything. A true public/private partnership provides incentives, incentives to do more. It gives incentives to bring in more members. When someone, you know, if my mother at this point still would pay me \$100,000 a year, just give it to me in an allowance, I probably wouldn't work as much. A true public/private partnership will provide the incentive to our contractor to enhance the facility, enhance — offer other things. I have no problem with our current contractor. But both should be thrown out. Why lose money at a time when we don't have to. This one facility, there's no need to lose \$300,000 a year on just because we're government and that's the way it goes. And no, sir, Mr. Chairman, again it's great to kind of plant that in someone's head. I don't want to throw one handicapped or disadvantaged person out. I want everyone of them to have a top-notch facility, and my plan actually would be able to load the facility with new equipment that would better serve the disadvantaged citizens around the area. There's very little in there right now. Lifting a bar, as you stated, that's not exactly modern technology. You know, there's a lot of different machines and all out there now that would do very good.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, as far as membership, Dr. Thomas talked about and you hit on, Mr. Chairman, that's why, you know, again if you'd maybe listen to me a little bit, I capped in my proposal what could be charged at the facility at \$15 a month. To join any state of the art top-notch fitness facility usually anywhere around, you're going to pay at least \$40 and up. So \$15 a month, that's nothing. That is a public service to the citizens, and if y'all wanted to keep it at \$10, that would be fine too because I'm sure someone would still take the deal to do the little bit of training there.

In closing, I stated when I opened this plan was too simple probably to be approved by some and I'm fine with whatever anybody wants to do here. I want to — were you my second on that? I'd like to amend the motion to just throw out both current bids and look at other options including the option I've presented.

Chairman Liakakis said, now all of those figures that you gave about the cost factor of, you know, the operation of it, I wasn't challenging that. What I say, the way that you figured about the monies that was in there, that it was costing for those few amount of people that it was over \$7,000. You can't use just that figure because you've got hundreds of people that use that facility, and if you want to you can break it down. When you're taking about hundreds of people that are using that, it probably costs about maybe \$7 or \$8 or maybe \$10 for that individual.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, but my numbers came from the intent of the facility based on the amount of local lifters, if you broke into that, and grant you, you're correct. It's not taking into consideration all of the added on activities that's in the facility, which are needed, and that's why it's included in my plan to cover all of those activities.

Chairman Liakakis said, Harris [Odell] and then Helen [Stone]

Commissioner Odell said, I'm sitting between Dean [Kicklighter] and the Chairman and I think both of you are right. To me what it says is that there's an ambiguity, and I'm not certain right now if we have enough information to make an intelligent decision when we could obtain that information and be in a better position to make a decision. Now if you want to see tears in my eyes, let us continue to destroy the middle class people. Jesus Christ said poor is always going to be with us. I am tired of everything we do because of the poor. I like poor people as much as anybody, but middle class people pay for everything and we're at a point where we cannot take the plate back to them, and we're going to have to start using the dollars on a cost benefit. I have no criticism of the current contractor. I just don't want to make a decision at this point until we know what dollars we have. We do not have

— and I'm part of the blame because I've not insisted that we move there — our recreation program is catch as catch can. It is not a system in that there's no organized plan. We do things based upon the various Commissioners portion items. We have a system to solve this problem and it will not hurt very many people. We could use the Recreation Authority to do some funding, but the simple fact we have that option as far as funding, the underlying question that we have to answer, the underlying question is cost benefit. Is this the most efficient way to use that \$300,000? That does not say that we shouldn't look at the other elements of our recreation activities. I call them recreation activities because if there was a program there would be a structure and organization. We do not have a structure or organization. So this program is not being picked on. You all just having to come up when the money is the tightest and we're going to have to start making some substantial decisions. I'd like to continue with the current provider. I'd like for there to be verification of the information that's offered by Dean [Kicklighter] by staff; that staff verify the information; that we be provided a report from staff which would verify the information, provide options as far as funding. Whatever the intent is, situations change.

The reasons we don't have all of the horse and buggy companies running around today is they were great companies, we just don't need them. So people telling me that we're going to keep doing it because we've done it the same way, I think that's why the dinosaurs are now extinct. If you do not change with the time, then you suffer because of it, and we need to look at this dispassionately, and that's on everybody's side. God, we're going to spend over 330—, not 300 — \$530,000,000. We've got \$300,000 consuming so much mental energy that logically we can't get to where we're going. We agonize over these — this chalk of money on everything. We do not have enough time to do it that's why the system is a solution. I recommend that this be — we continue with the same contractor, we have staff to provide an analysis of the information provided by Dean [Kicklighter], that we be given a report back from staff, that we be given options as to alternative financing, that we look short term still to developing a recreation program that we fund so that we can prioritize rather than it being left up to this Commissioner wants this, this Commissioner wants that. You go get four other votes, you get it. You don't, you don't. That's not a system. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, Helen [Stone] and then James [Holmes] and then Dean [Kicklighter].

Commissioner Stone said, well, my question was more a point of order. I was confused. I thought we had one motion on the floor, they then made another motion, and it sounds like Harris [Odell] just made a motion. So I'm just trying to figure out where we are and I think what Harris [Odell] is suggesting makes a lot of sense and I would support that, but I was just a little bit confused. Point of order question more than anything. Chairman Liakakis said, we're going to get to that. Commissioner Stone said, okay. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, James [Holmes] and then Dean [Kicklighter].

Commissioner Holmes said, there were two of them on the floor, but I just want to comment on something that Dean [Kicklighter] mentioned. Dean [Kicklighter], you know, in recreation I think you know now, you're not going to get my support when it comes to public/private not in recreation. You know that. It is not a good contract, it is not good policy, and you know and I think the rest of this Board knows, just what Odell just said just now. Our recreation program is weak. We're spending money, but it has weak direction of where we're going, and you know, you just mentioned something about true public/private. Yes, true to who? True to that private and true to the special interest group, and I think we're beginning to let too many special interest groups come into our recreation program, and when you let that happen what you're going to find then instead of us running our recreation program, they are telling us how to run our recreation program. That's the difference between a true public/private than just a public/private that you're looking at.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Commissioner Holmes, I respect the fact that you worked in recreation for many years and we were losing money on the pier until my other proposal, and now we make like fifty-some thousand a year, and that's a public/private partnership. And, you know, I could go on and on and list all these public/private partnerships. It's basically a public/private partnership the way it is structured right now except the public's losing \$300,000 a year on it. So there's no difference except structuring it smarter for the taxpaying citizens as far as public/private. I mean, there's smart structuring of public/private as far as gardening the tax dollars of our citizens and there's not so smart. I'll state this. I agree with Commissioner Odell. I would only hope that Team Savannah would bid in on a new and run the facility. They've been in the business for years, they're top notch. They've done nothing in my opinion wrong outside the realm of what's been requested of them, and I'll state that over and over and over again. If I were not up here and I was in the position, man, I'd jump all over it myself and be putting in a bid and if somebody's going to pay me what we've been paying out, good for them. They're good business people and they run a fine facility. Take the money. I would too, but it's time to tighten the belt around here now. It's just that simple and, you know, by simply doing nothing we do at this point continue to run on month to month and hopefully they will not be so angered at our lack of doing anything that they just left. You know, so it's my hope they stay too.

At this point, I would, you know, gladly remove whatever all jumbled up motions and I think we need to just simply at this point remove both of the current bids and agree that we need to send out other RFPs in the future with a whole new structure of us changing the facility and everything. I mean, I think we all know that the \$300,000 is not going to work and, you know, for as far as the amount of money goes from, you know, I definitely — we had two bidders and one — both bid higher than what I think we need to be paying period. So it's not that I don't favor

either on that and I don't question either's qualifications. They're all good people trying to make a living. So I think we need to just simply throw out the bids and restructure it and, you know, and I — we can close now and I'm ready to end it for Team Savannah because I feel personally really bad bringing them up here every time, so I'd like to see it end real quick one way or another because they are really too good a people to be put through this crap every two weeks, and for their sake I'd like to see it just up, down, one way or another and let's just move forward. Either we spend the \$300,000 or we vote to throw them out and start over again. Throw out the bids, not through them out, and I hope they would participate and jump in. I think it would be enticing for them to have a brand new facility to manage as I stated earlier and, you know, maybe not. I don't know. But anyhow, Mr. Odell, what should I — at this point what would you recommend? Would you recommend I just remove the motion totally, because I know we kept amending?

Commissioner Odell said, I'd like to see that and I think Helen [Stone] would join in to see us look at doing nothing now and referring it back to staff, continuing on a month to month with the current providers. Commissioner Kicklighter said, and that happens without being said. Commissioner Odell said, and to have staff to provide options as far as alternative funding and to look comparatively as what we done — doing with other programs and get it done with budget time when we know how much money we're going to have and what the priorities are.

Assistant County Attorney Colbert said, just as a point of order, I do not recall either the previous motions being stated by the Chair so they can be withdrawn without a vote of the body.

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah, he's withdrawing — you're withdrawing what you said and go with —.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well, what I'm asking, can we all agree that neither one of the current bids that we're not going to go in that direction. Let's throw that out, both bids out and start over is all I need in the motion. I mean, can't we agree that that's too much money either way. The current bids we have is too much.

Commissioner Odell asked, will we know before we've done the analysis? Will we know before we've done the analysis [inaudible] to give us a recommendation? Commissioner Stone said, we don't know. Commissioner Kicklighter said, I know since 2002 it's gone up \$100,000. So, yeah, I can say wholeheartedly it's costing too much money now. From \$176,000 to \$273,000.

Chairman Liakakis said, Patrick [Farrell], go ahead.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. We've had a lot of information going on the last couple of months on this particular subject. I believe with everything, listened to everything that's been said that the time is, you know, we have a lot of other items that need to be dealt with by this Commission. Not that this is not an important item, but I'd like to see that we wait on staff to come up with the budget and address it at that time and just leave everything as it is for the moment. The budget is only a few weeks away, and let's see — staff has had an opportunity to hear many, many, many hours of public discussion and private discussion on this subject and at this point I'd like to move onto the next item and wait for staff to bring us back with the budget some recommendations and everything's on the table, but leave everything as is for the moment until such time as we look at the entire budget in its entirety and then give it a little time to sink in and we'll make a decision at that time to, you know, what to do.

Chairman Liakakis said, so that way we can consider other entities or whatever.

Commissioner Kicklighter asked, can someone read back my motion, Mr. Chairman, because I have not withdrawn it. Commissioner Odell said, we can play it back. While we're doing that, whatever it is, I think the consensus is —. Chairman Liakakis said, to withdraw it. Commissioner Kicklighter said, I have not withdrawn it.

Commissioner Farrell said, then let's vote on it. Commissioner Kicklighter said, you know, I'm not a hunter, but if you are a hunter and you're sitting in a tree and you keep waiting for the deer or something walking by, going to miss every time. This time this group just — go for it. You know, I'm tired of just putting it off the tough votes of everything. Just wait, wait, wait, make everybody suffer. I mean, if this group wants to spend \$300,000, vote it through. Do it. The options have been put it out there and it's time to move on. Let all these people live in peace and either have the contract or not.

The Acting Clerk said, okay, your motion was there be a conceptual approval of this item and I would appreciate a second. That's all you said.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay, and then we amended that.

Chairman Liakakis asked, well, do you want to withdraw your motion and take his motion or what he has presented so that we can bring it for a vote?

Commissioner Farrell said, mine's not a motion, it was just a suggestion.

Commissioner Odell said, we've got three suggestions: Helen [Stone], Farrell, Odell. Three suggestions which I think is going to be the majority. If Dean [Kicklighter] wants to vote on his motion —. Commissioner Farrell said, put the motion up there. If he wants to vote on it, let's vote on it.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, sometimes you just lose in life.

The Acting Clerk said, okay, here's what you said. "I would like to amend the motion to throw out both current bids and look at other options including the option that I presented," and his second accepted that.

Chairman Liakakis asked, what do you want to do on that, Dean [Kicklighter].

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay, the motion — the amendment was to throw out both current bids and —. The Acting Clerk said, consider other options along with the one that you presented. Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'll keep it. If people don't want to consider looking at a savings period, that's not nailing it down to anything, then vote against it. That's fine. I don't really care. Chairman Liakakis said, alright, you have a second. Commissioner Kicklighter said, it's been put out there and beat to death, so I'd love for after this loses for somebody to make to make the motion to approve them and let's just move on.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, you heard his motion. Let's go on the board. Commissioners Gellatly and Kicklighter voted in favor of the motion. Chairman Liakakis and Commissioners Stone, Holmes, Shay, Farrell, Odell and Thomas voted in opposition to the motion. The motion failed by a vote of seven to two. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion is denied. Alright then, let's hear the other motion.

Commissioner Odell said, I'll make a motion that we take the concept presented by Mr. Kicklighter to be reviewed, that staff provide an analysis during budget time of various options and that we do a month to month with the current provider. Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a second. Commissioner Farrell said, call the question. Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's the same thing [inaudible]. Chairman Liakakis said, alright, he called for the question. Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Kicklighter made a motion to conceptually approve an idea that he presented and throw out the current bids. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion. Commissioners Gellatly and Kicklighter voted in favor of the motion. Chairman Liakakis and Commissioners Stone, Holmes, Shay, Farrell, Odell and Thomas voted in opposition to the motion. The motion was denied by a vote of seven to two.
- b. Commissioner Odell made a motion that the Board take the concept presented by Commissioner Kicklighter to be reviewed, that staff provide an analysis during budget time of various options and that we do a month to month with the current provider. Commissioner Stone said, second.

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2. GARDEN CITY-SOUTHBRIDGE ANNEXATION (COMMISSIONER KICKLIGHTER).

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, would this body allow this to be taken up in a few minutes. If not, I'll do it now, but can we delay this and handle it at the very end.

Chairman Liakakis said, make a motion for that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I make a motion we amend the agenda and handle this last. Commissioners Shay and Odell said, second.

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

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Chairman Liakakis said, Dean [Kicklighter], go ahead and make your presentation.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to just I guess start out by asking has anyone from either the City of Savannah or the State, any of our elected State delegation, has anybody from there or anyone period been in touch with any Commissioners on here about their thoughts as far as Garden City annexing properties of Southbridge and/or the industrial area out there, anyone in here? No?

Commissioner Farrell said, no representatives have contacted me about changes to the County structure.

Commissioner Stone said, nope.

Chairman Liakakis said, I've had — Bob Bryant called me and asked me about it and then the City discussed it with me, and I had told a representative that the County had discussed this before, and then they had a letter, but then I called back and I said on that letter two of the lines in there I want you to change that.

Commissioner Kicklighter asked, and would you be referring to the letter that you jointly wrote with Otis Johnson and sent to Representative Bob Bryant? Chairman Liakakis said, yes. Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

Chairman Liakakis said, I requested for them to change that. I called the City back and asked that change.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Well, the first line states that on behalf of the City of Savannah and Chatham County we strongly object to the last minute manipulations of Garden City officials to persuade the legislative delegation to support House Bill 136 in their annexation efforts. Blah, blah, blah. I would be boring people if I read the rest, but basically our head elected person signed the letter on behalf of us stating that we strongly object to something that we had no idea that we objected to.

I am the sole representative of Southbridge. I represent half of Garden City. Dr. Thomas represents the other half of Garden City. I have never been contacted by the City of Savannah. I could go through these other letters that Savannah wrote by themselves. I have never been in touch, never heard from Savannah as far as what my thoughts were about the annexation referendum request. Currently, Garden City and Southbridge have both the Homeowners Association and the City of Garden City requested a referendum, a dual referendum where citizens from both areas could vote to decide whether or not they want to be annexed into Garden City, and letters went out from the Mayor of Savannah with strong opposition and then this joint letter went out stating that, you know, we — about us.

The Mayor's letter to [sic] Savannah, it states that — this letter says Garden City is attempting several initiatives which will be harmful to the City of Savannah, Chatham County and to the overall intergovernmental structure of the area. I don't know how he got that info because he has not been in touch with me. He goes on to state that the proposal presents a number of problems and tells about everything, even taxation. He calls taxation a problem. Actually, should the citizens should to merge with Garden City, their taxes will be reduced. So if that's a problem, that would be a problem that I would like to have, lower taxes.

He goes on to say also they're concerned about potential traffic ticket writing in that corridor. He says even the State Legislature has expressed concerns about such arrangements. That's pretty sad right there, and I, you know, that's sad. The City and County and other jurisdictions have had no opportunity —, unfortunately, the City, County and other jurisdictions have had no opportunity to plan for or address these potential issues because there has been essentially no communication between the City of Savannah and the City of Garden City. Also, Garden City has not fully communicated with Chatham County and especially all of its Commissioners.

Well, I could bore you and show you the emails that Dr. Thomas and myself have received from Garden City, being the representative for that area, being invited to the public hearings and everything, and I'm sure she's probably attended one. I don't know. I know I was at one. I know I received the emails. I've been fully informed, and I don't oppose citizens personally making the decision. I would oppose any type of forced takeover of an annexation, but a dual referendum, that's where both areas vote and decide, you know, I attended, I was informed, and again I won't speak but I know the emails and all, and I would assume and hope that they've been informed. Dr. Thomas has too. But they're stating that all the Commissioners hadn't and that the City of Savannah wasn't informed.

Anyhow, you know, it's been my experience through the years that I've been in politics that cities normally don't inform other cities when they are annexing. This particular bill has been held up by one of our State Senators, Senator Lester Jackson, and wanting to know about input. He, I believe, briefly called a public hearing for Monday but then cancelled it. There's two days left in the General Assembly. The concerns was lack of information, but I've got all kinds of documentation of the public hearings and all, and I just want to share with you on the Commission and everyone at home, this map has various annexations since 1989 on it and roughly this morning I counted, looks like on the Westside since 1989, I believe there's at least eight annexations since I've been in office on the County. I don't ever recall being called. This is by just Savannah, just the City of Savannah, eight. I don't recall ever being called and asked what I thought about it or being informed by them. I don't ever recall in all these annexations throughout the entire County since 1989, I don't recall one State Senator or one State Representative, one anyone opposing, especially opposing a dual referendum.

This is information that I just felt necessary for y'all to know. I don't as an elected official representing my district, I don't like being spoken for unless spoken to first. I was totally misrepresented in a couple of different letters, and usually it's been my understanding that if I or someone else makes a mistake in writing, to correct that they should in writing correct that mistake, not verbally. I don't appreciate it and I felt it necessary for y'all to know and I would just encourage the State to do like you've done since 1989 and butt out. You haven't been butting in, there's no need to now and I appreciate this Commission not butting in just as we have not butted in since 1989.

So thank all of you for information only.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, to let you know, Dean [Kicklighter], number one, when I called you on two occasions — it's in my records, my phone records — I called you to discuss that particular item, how you felt on it and that the

County would lose over \$500,000 for that annexation, and how did you feel about that, but I never had a return call and it reflects in my — there, and I also —.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so does that give you the right to write that I oppose it?

Chairman Liakakis said, no, no. No, no, no. I'm saying to call you to ask you and let you know that the County would lose over \$500,000 in addition to losing amount of people in there to see how you feel about it, and I called you twice on that and that it also was relayed to the Garden City city council that I had contacted the city to change what was in that letter, and you can ask the people in Garden City because when Lee Hughes called me, I asked Lee [Hughes] to do that immediately and to let them know that I contacted the city for that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and I have in writing everything that you have sent to the City of Garden City because I requested it and they sent it, and I have nothing in writing from you —.

Chairman Liakakis said, I didn't write it. Call Lee Hughes right now and he can tell you —.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, no, I believe you verbally did, but I do believe the proper procedure in the future if you ever misrepresent me or anyone on this Board is, in writing, is to correct your mistake in writing, and I would appreciate that in the future.

Chairman Liakakis said, alright.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Kicklighter made a motion to amend the agenda by delaying this item to the last thing presented to the Board. Commissioners Shay and Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- b. Commissioner Kicklighter voiced his objections to communications regarding the Garden City-Southbridge annexation.

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3. PRESENTATION ON SENATE BILL 42 BY PUBLIC DEFENDER MICHAEL EDWARDS.

Chairman Liakakis asked, do you want to come forth on that now because he has to go back to court.

Mr. Michael Edwards said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good morning everyone. Michael Edwards, I'm your Public Defender. I want to thank you, Mr. Chairman and Commissioner Stone in particular for getting this on the agenda this morning. Mr. Crovatt is passing out some article — copies of articles from the AJC from this morning. I would have gotten those over to you during your pre-meeting to distribute them, but actually in communication with Chairman Golick this morning, and the reason that I wanted to be here this morning is to let you all know after a very lengthy committee meeting yesterday in Atlanta, Chairman Golick of the House Judiciary Committee essentially pulled SB42 off of the docket and has decided that the Legislature is not moving forward at this point with consideration of SB42, which was the bill that was being used as the vehicle to potentially send conflict case responsibility both management, but more importantly financial responsibility of those cases back to the counties. We have worked tirelessly with Chairman Golick and Speaker Austin and people in the Governor's Office to demonstrate to them that the unwisdom and the imprudence of that course of action that was percolating quite loudly at the beginning of the week after many meetings and a lot of getting up at four o'clock and getting on the road the last two weeks, many meetings with Chairman Golick and his staff. He determined yesterday, his committee determined yesterday that SB42 would die in committee. He is giving us the next several months between now and the end of this year, this calendar year to present to him a finalized copy of a proposal that the Circuit Public Defenders, in conjunction with our council and ACCG and the State Bar and others, have already put together conceptually. We were talking about conceptual plans a few moments ago.

We have already presented a executive summary of a plan that we are proposing that would better deal with the very vexing issue of conflicts, but keep those the responsibility of the State of Georgia where they presently are by statute and where they need to remain, and we're working on that. We've given him our word that we are going to continue that and he has given us his word and Speaker Austin, both through their word and also through their actions yesterday at the Capitol that we are going to be given that opportunity. That work is starting — it's already started. We are not at step one. We're probably at step six or seven on a long series of steps, but that's already ongoing. It will continue. As I alluded to earlier, as recently as this morning, I've already been back in contact with Chairman Golick on this issue. I know ACCG is meeting here this weekend and I suspect this will be a subject for some discussion. If not direct on-line discussion, some off-line discussion, and we're going to continue that work.

I want to tell this Commission each and every one of you, I've said it many times and I'll say it again, this is a State agency that has been imposed for very, very good valid and necessary reasons, but it also poses some challenges to the local authorities all over the State and I'm concerned about ours, of course, and we recognize that. But here's the message that I have given to every legislator I have spoken with, every member of the Standards

Council that I've spoken with, everybody that's been willing to let me speak to them about this issue, you all are my senior partner in this exercise. The primary funding source is here, the primary support is here, the primary guidance is here. I appreciate what the State provides to me. I'm grateful for it. They provide important tasks and duties to us in this program, but clearly Chatham County is my senior partner and, as our children say, I do all I can to be sure I've got your back. I want you to know that. I try to work as closely as I'm able to and Mr. Hughes when we're in Atlanta, of course he's got a thousand things, as y'all all know, on your plate. We haven't had a lot of time to talk, but we try to stay in touch about things that are going on on the Public Defenders' side. The message here is we're going to fix it. It's not going to come back to the counties if we have anything to do with it. We are continuing to improve this system. Five years in we've got one of the finest in the country. In five more years we'll have the very finest in the country. Chatham County is really the crown jewel of the system, and I don't say that individually, but I say that because of the guidance and support that all of you have given to us and to this program. I know it's not popular, but we all know it's necessary. It's a constitutional mandate and it makes good fiscal sense I'm to operate it the way it's being operated now.

I just wanted you to be aware of that. I want to thank you for all of your support and I also want to say y'all all know this, you've know this for many, many years but you have — we have in Chatham County a resource absolutely second to none in Mr. Abolt and all of his staff, and I really just want to take a moment also to thank him in all of this as a County staff for the endless and tireless assistance that they give to us and the other departments in the County. I'm really appreciative for it.

Chairman Liakakis said, and one of the main things of that particular bill is the State was going to put — not fund it anymore and, of course, that would put the burden on our local citizens in Chatham County again, but there's been quite a bit of lobbying on this as Michael [Edwards] has talked about, and hopefully the State will be a mandated program that's unfunded by the State and we will continue to do what we can on the Chatham County Commission to make sure whatever we can do to contact the legislators to make sure they are not having us to pay for that. That's their responsibility for their share of it.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to commend Michael Edwards. In the time that I forwarded you the email, what, two and a half, three weeks ago, you have worked tirelessly, and I heard you say that you've been up at four in the morning to get to Atlanta, and that's what it takes to get the message broadcast that we're not going to roll over and have these unfunded and underfunded mandates passed down to us. We have a job to do and they share a burden of the responsibility, and I really appreciate all the work that you have put into this in making this a successful outcome. I'm very grateful.

Mr. Edwards said, Commissioner Stone, I appreciate that, and all of you, of course, again I'd like, and my comments about Mr. Abolt know this already, but Commissioner Stone of course is on the Public Safety Committee of ACCG, and she is very much in tune with these issues. I mean, her finger is very closely on the pulse of these matters. We spend a fair amount of time talking together. I sent her some communications along the way that I know that she shared, and with the Commission and should it be of assistance just to sort of facilitate the communication, it would be my intent to communicate — continue to communicate directly with Commissioner Stone to then forward matters along to the Commission so that we can have these discussions when it's necessary. It's just much easier to be able to reach out to somebody who's right there in dealing with the issues and the communication then can be passed along that way. So I'm available any time any of you have any questions. I'll always try to make myself available, but in terms of maybe offering periodic updates, I'll continue to do that through Commissioner Stone and staff and we'll all stay on the same page as best we're able.

Chairman Liakakis said, we'll have input into this because the Governor appointed me to the Public Defenders Board and so we'll have a voice for this Commission on that particular board and I'll continue to do whatever I can to help in that area. Thank you very much, Michael [Edwards].

Mr. Edwards said, thank you all.

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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. REQUEST FOR NEW BEER AND WINE POURING AND SUNDAY SALES OF BEER AND WINE POURING LICENSE FOR 2010. PETITIONER: VINCENT J. ZAMBITO II, D/B/A BITO'S PIZZARIA & GRILL LOCATED AT 5975 OGEECHEE ROAD. [DISTRICT 6.]**
Note: Item was tabled at meeting of April 9, 2010. Application is complete.

Chairman Liakakis said, the application now is complete because Commissioner Stone was requesting that, and it is complete and meeting all the requirements. So we need a motion on the floor to approve.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Liakakis said, let's take it off the table. We need a motion to take it off the table.

Commissioner Stone said, I'll move to take it off the table. Commissioner Gellatly said, second. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

Chairman Liakakis said, alright, now. The item has been checked out by Commissioner Stone and right now we need a motion on the floor to approve.

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

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Stone moved to take this item from the table for consideration by the Board. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- b. Commissioner Stone moved to approve the petition of Vincent J. Zambito, II, d/b/a Bito's Pizzeria & Grill, located at 5975 Ogeechee Road, for a new beer and wine pouring and Sunday sales of beer and wine pouring license for 2010. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: VIII-1
AGENDA DATE: April 23, 2010

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THROUGH: R.E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER

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

ISSUE
Request for new beer and wine pouring and Sunday sales of beer and wine pouring license for 2010, Vincent J. Zambito II d/b/a Bito's Pizzeria & Grill located at 5975 Ogeechee Road, Savannah, GA 31405.

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

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

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

District 8

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Acting Chief Willie Lovett

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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 AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS: APPROPRIATION OF CONFISCATED FUNDS FOR CNT.

Chairman Liakakis said, and that was in your packet. Need a motion on the floor to approve.

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

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved that the Board approve the following budget amendments and transfers: Appropriation of confiscated funds for CNT. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1
AGENDA DATE: April 23, 2010

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Roy Harris, Director
Counter Narcotics Team
DATE: April 14, 2010

ISSUE:

To request appropriation of Confiscated Funds for the CNT.

BACKGROUND:

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

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

The Counter Narcotics Team needs to purchase additional ISDN Channels for the existing equipment for the wire tap room. Total: \$4,000.00

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Approve the request and authorize the appropriation of \$4,000.00.
- 2. Deny or modify the request.

FUNDING:

Funds are available from Confiscated Funds for CNT.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:
That the Board adopt Alternative #1.

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2. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO CONVEY THE SAVANNAH PORT AUTHORITY WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM TO THE CITY OF SAVANNAH IN AN AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN THE BOOK ASSET VALUE OF \$310,000.

Chairman Liakakis recognized County Manager Abolt.

County Manager Abolt said, yes, Mr. Chairman, Dr. Thomas, Commissioner Stone, gentlemen, this is a topic that has been before you over the past several months. We have an issue where the City of Pooler because of certain restrictions on use of the Port and Aquifer has notified us of their termination of water service and backup and support to this as of the second week in May. We have been negotiating after soliciting proposals on this. The results of that negotiation and solicitation is we're recommending that this system, if you want to call it that, be sold to the City of Savannah for not less than \$310,000 with the understanding that by doing this we avoid a significant investment, cost I should say, in the future for the Water and Sewer Fund to make this distribution system workable.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Any questions on that? Need a motion to approve.

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

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Now let me just ask this. With the staff and all and we've been given the information, but this you feel that because of the improvements it will cost a lot more money to continue with it than the monies that we receive out of that because what's necessary to tie in with the City of Savannah because Pooler is cutting off their water supply very shortly. County Manager Abolt said, that seems — that's better said than I, sir. Well done.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to convey the Savannah Port Authority Water and Sewer System to the City of Savannah in an amount not less than the book asset value of \$310,000. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shay, Farrell and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2
AGENDA DATE: April 23, 2010

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

Issue: Request Board approval to convey the Savannah Port Authority Water and Sewer System to the City of Savannah.

Background: The County owns and operates the SPA Industrial Park water and sewer system located off U.S. Highway 80 adjacent to the airport (see attached map).

Facts and Findings:

1. Through an Inter-governmental Agreement in 1976, the County pumps the sanitary sewer generated in the park to the City of Savannah for treatment. In addition, in 1987 the County inter-connected the SPA water system with the City of Pooler as a backup water source.
2. The City of Savannah annexed a majority of the park in 1999. The City of Pooler annexed the balance of the area during the same time. The County retained water and sewer system.
3. The County serves 55 industrial related customers in the park. A majority of those customers are in the City of Savannah while the remaining are in the City of Pooler. The County serves water to customers in both municipalities.

4. The State of Georgia issued the Coastal Georgia Water and Wastewater Permitting Plan for Managing Salt Water Intrusion in June 2006 that eliminates increased withdrawal from the Upper Floridian aquifer. During that time the groundwater withdrawal rates at the SPA Industrial Park exceeded the allowable by permit. As a result, in May 2007 the County entered into an Inter-Governmental Agreement with the City of Pooler to purchase water through the inter-connection and transferred the permitted capacity to the Glen of Robin water system. This accommodated future water demands of the Industrial Park and the Glen of Robin system where the County has had capacity problems also.
5. The City of Pooler purchases I&D water from the City of Savannah through an inter-connection at the Godley Tract. The agreement between the City of Pooler and the County allows the County to purchase water from the City of Pooler, paying the water rate Pooler pays the City of Savannah plus a \$0.12 per gallon administrative fee. The agreement clearly intended for the County to utilize treated surface water from Savannah's I&D plant and satisfy a requirement in the State's Coastal Georgia Water and Wastewater Permitting Plan for Managing Salt Water Intrusion for industrial sites to be served by treated surface water and removed from the dependence on groundwater.
6. The City of Pooler has formally advised the County that it is their intent to terminate the water supply to the SPA water system in order to meet their groundwater withdrawal permit limits with the State of Georgia. They advise that they are not interested in owning and operating the SPA system.
7. There are several options available to the County for water supply to the SPA system as follows:
 - A. Extend a 16 inch diameter water main from Dean Forest Road. The City of Savannah has estimated the cost at \$793,000. The County's consulting engineer's estimate far exceeds the City estimate. This option assumes the City of Savannah is willing to enter into an agreement to allow the County to extend the water main and purchase water from them.
 - B. Activate the existing groundwater well at SPA. The State of Georgia has indicated that it is very unlikely a groundwater withdrawal permit will be granted. Additionally, it is unlikely a transfer of groundwater capacity will be allowed for the reason indicated in Facts and Findings #5. However, the well is available for use but its use will violate EPD rules and regulation and will probably result in a Notice of Violation.
 - C. Negotiate with private water system owners to purchase and/or to operate the SPA water system. At the request of the Board, the County solicited interests from private water system owners and received responses from two local purveyors. Staff has discussed with each of the proposers their interests and determined that there is a sincere willingness. However, per the 1976 agreement with the City of Savannah to treat the wastewater, the City would have to agree to accept the effluent from a private system and they have indicated that they would not. The City of Savannah also responded to the solicitation and has expressed a willingness to own and operate the SPA water and wastewater system.
8. Staff has met with representatives from the City of Savannah and discussed the option of conveying the system to them. The book asset value of the system is \$306,002. The City of Savannah has valued the system using an income based approach and determined the value not to exceed \$310,000.
9. The annual revenue from the SPA system for FY 2011 is estimated at \$469,800 which represents approximately 18.8% of the Water and Sewer Fund annual budget. Staff understands that if the Board takes action to convey the system, expenses in the Water and Sewer Fund must be reduced by 18.8%.

Funding: The City of Savannah would pay the County for the system based upon the value of the system. The amount must exceed the County's book value of the system to avoid "writing off" assets.

Policy Statement: Board action is required to convey property.

Alternatives:

1. Board approve to convey the Savannah Port Authority Water and Sewer System to the City of Savannah in an amount not less than the book asset value of \$310,000.
2. Board to provide staff with other direction.

Recommendations: Board approve Alternative #1.

District 7

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3. CNT MONTHLY REPORT GIVEN VERBALLY BY DIRECTOR HARRIS.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Roy Harris.

Director Roy Harris said, good morning, Commissioners, Mr. Chairman. Roy Harris, CNT. You have the report so you've had an opportunity to look through it. You will note several things in last month's report. A large portion of our time was spent for St. Paddy's Day operations, practically one week. We had a good number of the staff people involved in that operation, which was pre-approved over time through the City in support of the Metropolitan Police Department. So had a somewhat impact on us.

We're continuing with our major investigations that I continue to report to you about. Hopefully, we can wrap that thing up within the next few weeks.

If you'll look at the hours worked by zone, again they reflect approximately 90% of the work was in SCMPD Precinct. So with the municipalities following and the administrative hours coming up to a total hours work about 5,000 for the month. That was 468 hours reflected in assistance of the cases on the St. Paddy's Day operation.

The last time I was before you, Commissioner Gellatly had asked about us changing the stats a little bit, which we did to show the felony/non-felony. He also asked about us for some figures on the number of Federal referrals that we are doing. We are at the present time along with the District Attorney's office working on getting those figures up. We complete a — went back and looked at the year 2007, six months during that year to get us a base average of stats of the conviction rate that we're looking at and also the referrals, and the reason we went back to '07 was because '08 and '09 many of those cases are still pending in court, so that was the first year I could get that would give us a true reflection of the majority of cases that have gone through the court system in some manner. So that will give us a better feed. Now I hope that shortly we will have all that completed. It has taken more time than I anticipated, but we had two administrative personnel working on that fairly straight through for several weeks there to get where we are. I'm meeting with members of the DA's office Monday and looking at these other stats that we're trying to put together that you had asked and that the Chairman had asked for.

Chairman Liakakis asked, any questions for the Commander? Commander, thank you very much. We all saw in the newspaper about that raid you had and several important figures, I guess, that's in the drug market that y'all were able to break up a big supply ring and all of that, and we understand you're working on numerous other cases and all. We appreciate again your leadership, the things that you have done for the CNT and we can see all of the hours, the breakdown right there on our last page, so that shows the tremendous amount of hours that have been worked on these cases. A lot of people don't understand about the administrative part too in addition to those figures that you're getting us, but to put everything together so that when you present a case to the court system that you can have all of that ready, and that helps, of course, to get a conviction on the arrest that was made.

Director Harris said, a key part of what we do along that line is the fact that the County Commission, and I'm very grateful, funds two full time Assistant DAs for CNT. Without that, we would have a very hard time on getting search warrants ready in a timely fashion and doing other things. Our ADAs approve every search warrant that we do and in the past three years I don't think we have had a single search warrant suppressed in court, which is a testament to what they put the agents through. I know sometimes it's somewhat butting heads between the two, but the ADAs are there to protect this agency and the reputation of it and they make sure we do what's right. Also, a lot of people don't know any informants we use have to be approved by the ADAs. If they are going to be court testifying informants, the ADAs see it [inaudible] and say yea or nay whether we could use these or not. So we will not get to the point where we have to dismiss a case because of that problem. So it's critical that we have these people there, and this year there was an issue of funding coming up on the ADAs. I just received an email from prosecuting attorney's counsel. I've not got to sit down and digest the whole thing, but apparently funding 2011 through the State has been approved for prosecutors and they're going to not furlough them any more this year. I hope I'm reading that right because that's very good news for us and it's something we were concerned about.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Any questions? Alright, thank you very much, Roy [Harris]. We really appreciate the hard work that you and all of the agents do.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Roy Harris, Director of Counter Narcotics Team, gave a monthly report for the month of March 2010.

**Chatham~Savannah
Counter Narcotics Team
Monthly Report
March 2010**

UNDERCOVER AGENT/CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT BUYS	
Buys	Number
Undercover (Agent) Buys	5
Confidential Information Buys	15

NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS*	
Investigations:	Number
Investigations Initiated During the month	60
Active Joint Investigations with other agencies (DEA, ATF, IRS, etc.)	8
Total Number of Investigations Cleared (Arrest, E.C., Unfounded)	35

DRUGS SEIZED			
Drug Type	Value	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	60.50 Grams	\$6,050.00
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	55.80 Grams	\$5,580.00
Methamphetamine	\$100 per gram**	2.00 Grams	\$200.00
Marijuana	\$140 per ounce*	65 Ounces	\$ 9,100.00
Heroin	\$250 per gram*	.00 Grams	\$0
Ecstasy	\$25 Dosage Unit	213 D/U	\$5,325.00
Misc. Pills	\$5 per D/U	56 D/U	\$280.00
Hallucinogens	\$10.00 per gram *	0 Grams	\$0

*1999 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*	22.40 Grams	\$2,240.00
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	10.10 Grams	\$1,010.00
Methamphetamine	\$100 per gram**	.40 Grams	\$40.00
Marijuana	\$140 per ounce*	25 Ounces	\$3,500.00
Heroin	\$250 per gram*	.70	\$175.00
Ecstasy	\$25 Dosage Unit	0 D/U	\$0
Misc. Pills	\$5 per D/U	103 D/U	\$515.00

*2000 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*	
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Felony*	9
Felony Sales/Trafficking	16
Misdemeanor	3
Felony Non-Drug**	1
Total Arrests	29

*Felony includes Manufacturing Methamphetamine or Marijuana

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

ASSET FORFEITURES	
US Currency Seized (Initiated forfeiture proceedings)	\$26,197.00
US Currency Awarded	\$24,109.00
Motor Vehicles Seized (Initiated forfeiture proceedings)	2000 Chev Camaro 1989 Toyota Camry 1993 Chev Camaro Z-28 1992 Buick LeSabre
Motor Vehicles Awarded	1997 Ford F-150
Real Property Seized (Initiated forfeiture proceedings)	N/A
Real Property Awarded	N/A
Personal Property Seized (Initiated forfeiture proceedings)	N/A

ADOPTION CASES FROM OTHER AGENCIES		
DATE	AGENCY	OFFENSE
03/03/10	SCMPD	POSSESSION ECSTASY WITH INTENT
03/08/10	SCMPD	TRAFFICKING COCAINE
01/13/10	SCMPD	TRAFFICKING MDMA
03/15/10	GA STATE PATROL	POSSESSION MARIJUANA WITH INTENT

DRUG COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED		
Drug Complaints	Received	Assigned
Project Log/Official Complaints	3	3
Hot Line / Call-In Complaints	9	9
Green Sheets/ Outside Agencies	10	10
Crime Stopper Complaints	30	26

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. On 03-08-2010, Bulloch County Sheriff's Office arrested a suspect that CNT held warrants on for manufacturing methamphetamine. He is the suspect in the trailer fire/meth lab at Highland Woods in January, 2010. The suspect was in possession of methamphetamine and items for manufacturing at the time of his arrest.
2. On 03-10-2010, agents executed a search warrant on Stillwood Avenue after working a joint investigation with the Bluffton South Carolina Drug Unit. This led to the seizure of approximately 20 pounds of marijuana in South Carolina and the seizure of five firearms, and approximately \$2,850 in currency from the residence on Stillwood Avenue.
3. On 03-15-2010, Major Case responded to an adoption request from Georgia State Patrol involving approximately two pounds of marijuana and a firearm. Agents responded to the scene and adopted the investigation. This resulted in the seizure of the marijuana, a firearm, and approximately \$783 in currency.
4. On 03-16-2010, two defendants in a previous T-3 case pled guilty and each received a sentence of 25 years to serve.

5. During the week of March 17th, CNT assisted SCMPD with the ST. Patrick's Day event by providing ID teams and security.

6. On 03-23-2010, a CNT defendant was sentenced in Federal Court for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon (a FNH 5.7 semi-automatic pistol) and received a sentence of 127 months. This was a CNT cease-fire adoption case.

7. CEASE FIRE INDICTMENT: A suspect with an extensive drug history and a prior weapons charge was arrested by CNT in September of 2009 after a traffic stop. The suspect was in possession of a large amount of marijuana and a weapon. The case was referred to the U.S. Attorney's Office and in March, 2010, he was indicted under the Federal Cease Fire Program.

DRUG INVESTIGATIONS
HOURS WORKED BY ZONE

SCMPD – All Precincts	<u>TOTAL</u> 2,300
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Municipalities	<u>TOTAL</u> 162
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Administrative Hours	800
Case Administration	450
Pharmaceutical Diversions	240
Central Intelligence	480
Out of County (Task Force Operations, etc.)	31
Assistance Rendered to Outside Agencies	468
Training	80
<u>Court Hours</u>	<u>13</u>
	<u>TOTAL</u> 2,562
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Total Hours Worked	<u>5,024</u>

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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 action items 1 through 9 and under 9 we have items A through P. Are there any specific items right here that any of the Commissioners would like to hold out? Okay, we need a motion on the floor then to approve all of the Action Calendar items.

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

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve Items 1 through 9-P. Commissioner Thomas 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 APRIL 9, 2010, AS MAILED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 9, 2010. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1 THROUGH APRIL 14, 2010.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period April 1, 2010, through April 14, 2010, in the amount of \$5,745,926. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO MODIFY THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL FUND STRUCTURE BASED ON NEWLY ISSUED PRONOUNCEMENTS FOUND IN GASB STATEMENT 54 FUND BALANCE REPORTING AND GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE DEFINITIONS.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to modify the County's financial fund structure based on newly issued pronouncements found in GASB Statement 54 Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-3
AGENDA DATE: April 23, 2010

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

ISSUE: To modify the County's financial fund structure based on newly issued pronouncements found in GASB Statement 54 Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions.

BACKGROUND: Chatham County currently has ten special revenue funds and six enterprise funds (including Chatham Area Transit). In March 2009 the Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued Statement 54 Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions. After reviewing the statement, it appears that the County needs to modify its fund structure. For the County, the Statement should be implemented in fiscal 2011.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. As a result of the GASB Statement 54, Finance began a review of all of the County's funds for compliance with the statement. The Statement indicates that an entity should use special revenue funds when the revenues for the fund are from restricted or committed revenue sources. The statement also states that "a government should discontinue reporting a special revenue fund, and instead report the fund's remaining resources in the general fund, if the government no longer expects that a substantial portion of the inflows will derive from restricted or committed revenue sources."
2. Finance staff met with the external auditor and determined that three new special revenue funds should be added. The three new funds are:
 - a. Restricted Court Fees & Accounts Special Revenue Fund – This fund will account for legally restricted court collections for victim witness fees, drug

- surcharge fees, and juvenile court supervision fees. These fees are currently accounted for in the General Fund and the Special Service District. Each year a portion of General Fund fund balance is restricted to show these fees. Balances as of July 1, 2010 will be transferred to the new fund. The fund will also account for activities of the State Court's DUI Court bank account. The bank account will remain under the custody of the State Court. The Court has agreed to provide accounting information to Finance which will be recorded in the fund.
- b. Sheriff Confiscated Special Revenue Fund – This fund will account for monies received by the Sheriff from seized asset sales and related expenditures. The actual bank account and cash will remain under the custody of the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff has agreed to provide accounting information to Finance which will be recorded in the fund.
 - c. Sheriff Jail Commissary Special Revenue Fund – This fund will account for the operation of the inmate jail commissary. Inmate commissary accounts will not be a part of the fund's activities; these will continue to be reported in an agency fund as is the current practice.
3. Finance recommends that the Street Paving Special Revenue Fund be eliminated effective June 30, 2010 and its residual balances moved to the Special Service District. This recommendation is based on lack of activity within the existing fund.
 4. Finance recommends that the Henderson Golf Course Fund be eliminated as of June 30, 2010 and its residual balances and activities moved to the General Fund. The Henderson Golf Course Fund was initially established to account for the operations of the golf course and for debt repayment. All debt has now been retired, and the fund is operated through a lease agreement. The County receives base revenue of \$4,000 monthly under the lease agreement.
 5. CEMA (Chatham Emergency Management) has historically been shown as a special revenue fund. This was because in past years the agency received support from State grants and other non-County revenue sources. CEMA also maintains its own accounting records and is separated under the County Code. More recently CEMA has received its funding only from Chatham County.

Because of its unique relationship with the County, CEMA will continue to be budgeted as a separate fund. However, on the audited financial statements, Finance will not show a separate fund and will instead collapse the fund's expenditures and activities into the General Fund beginning in fiscal 2011. The Board may categorize CEMA's fund balance as Committed in order to limit its available use for CEMA.
 6. For fiscal 2011, the County Manager will recommend the establishment of a new internal service fund, the Computer Replacement Fund. The purpose of the fund is routine replacement of desktop and laptop computers every four years. The fund will be financed through an annual charge to user departments based on the number of desktops and laptops they have. The effective date of the Computer Replacement Fund will be July 1, 2010.
 7. Planning for the Detention Center expansion began prior to sales tax collections under the 2008-2014 special purpose local option sales tax referendum. Fund 380 was established to account for the Detention Center expansion project. Fund 324 was subsequently established to account for revenues and expenditures related to the entire SPLOST referendum.

The two funds will continue to be budgeted separately. However, for audit purposes at year end the activities of fund 380 will be collapsed into the SPLOST V Fund (fund 324) to provide citizens with a comprehensive view regarding use of SPLOST funds.
 8. A chart showing the proposed budget fund structure is attached.

FUNDING: N/A

POLICY ANALYSIS: Implementation of GASB 54 will ensure the County's compliance with generally accepted accounting principles as required under State law.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the modifications to the County’s financial fund structures detailed within the staff report, or
2. Provide staff with other.

RECOMMENDATION: Adoption of Alternative 1 is recommended.

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4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL FOR A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR ADULT SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgia Department of Human Services for adult subsidized employment. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-4
AGENDA DATE: April 23, 2010

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

Issue: To request Board approval for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Georgia Department of Human Services for Adult Subsidized Employment.

Background: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Initiative has resulted in several programs sponsored by the Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS). One of these initiatives includes Adult Subsidized Employment, where the Georgia DHS will secure and subsidize jobs within state departments and public/private companies for a minimum of 5,000 adults who meet Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF) eligibility requirements. This initiative concludes September 30, 2010.

Facts and Findings:

1. The State will reimburse agencies 80% of an employee’s salary up to \$26,000 for a maximum of six months per year. The remaining (20%) will be paid by the employer. Benefits are not required to be provided for the applicant.
2. Seasonal and Temporary positions are acceptable, provided they are at least 30 hours a week, not over 40 hours a week and at a minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour.
3. Applicants will be screened and provided job coaches to assist them in securing positions for which they are qualified and the State will pay for criminal background checks for selected applicants.
4. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is contained in Attachment I and has been reviewed by the County Attorney.

Funding: No additional funding is required at this time.

Alternatives:

1. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Georgia Department of Human Services for Adult Subsidized Employment.
2. Do not approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Georgia Department of Human Services for Adult Subsidized Employment.
3. Provide staff with other direction.

Policy Analysis: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Initiative (ARRA) has created several opportunities for creative problem solving in states, counties and cities. This partnership with the Georgia Department of Human Services will allow Chatham County to address critical employment needs, train and develop potential employees, all while receiving a substantial subsidy, saving money for the taxpayers of Chatham County, particularly during these challenging economic times.

Recommendation:

The Board adopt Alternative 1.

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5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO CREATE ONE PART-TIME ACCOUNTING TECH III POSITION IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT AND TO TEMPORARILY CONVERT ONE JUDICIAL CASE MANAGER POSITION TO TWO PART-TIME RECORDS TECH I POSITIONS IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved approval of the following: (1) To create one part-time Accounting Tech III position in the Finance Department and (2) to temporarily convert one Judicial Case Manager position to two part-time Records Tech I positions in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-5

AGENDA DATE: April 23, 2010

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

Issue: To request Board approval to create one (1) part-time Accounting Tech III position in the Finance Department and to temporarily convert one (1) Judicial Case Manager position to two (2) part-time Records Tech I positions in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court.

Background: On February 26, 2010, the Board of Commissioners approved a false alarm ordinance for unincorporated Chatham County. The implementation date for the ordinance July 1, 2010. In order to provide the necessary administrative support required to implement the Ordinance, the Finance Director is requesting that a part-time position be established in the Finance Department.

Also, the Board of Commissioners approved three (3) positions in the 2008-2009 budget for the Clerk of Superior Court's Office in preparation for the transition into the Records Center. After reviewing the function of these positions, the Clerk of Superior Court is requesting that one (1) vacant Judicial Case Manager be converted to two (2) part-time Clerical positions.

Facts and Findings:

1. The Clerk of Superior Court requests that the vacant Judicial Case Manager position be temporarily converted to two (2) Records Technician I positions. The Clerk plans to these positions with persons sponsored by the Coastal Center for Development Services (CCDS), a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) agency that provides training and employment-related services to more than 300 individuals with developmental disabilities.
2. An analysis of the work required in the records center reveals that these duties are extremely routine, such a retrieving files from boxes, tagging, boxing and shredding files and boxes. This work can be accomplished by CCDS clients, who have achieved high job satisfaction ratings, are punctual and accurate in the performance of their duties. The Clerk wants to do this on a trial basis. If this works out he may look at incorporating these services on a more permanent basis. Savings would be realized by not offering benefits to these part-time employees.

- 3. The Finance Director is requesting that the Board create a part-time Accounting Tech I position in the Finance Department to handle the administrative task as outlined in the newly created False Alarm Ordinance.
- 4. This position will collect registration fees from alarm system businesses for each of their customers. An alarm registration form will be completed by these businesses supplying a listing of their customers. The position will be responsible for inputting this list into the software to monitor registered accounts. False alarm fees will be billed and collected by this position for excessive false alarms as provided by the SCMPD. This position will also be responsible for notifying the SCMPD of failure to pay the invoices which places the customer on the "do not respond" list.
- 5. On March 26, 2010, the Board transferred \$3,300 to hire part-time staff from June 1, 2010 forward. This request is consistent with the implementation of said ordinance.

Funding: No additional funding is required at this time. Funding for the Accounting Tech III position will come from Finance Department budget. Funding for the conversion of a Judicial Case Manager position to two part-time Records Tech I positions will come from the Clerk of Superior Court budget.

Alternatives:

- 1. Authorize the creation of one (1) part-time Accounting Tech III position and approve the temporary conversion of one (1) vacant Judicial Case Manager to two (2) part-time Records Technician I positions.
- 2. Create one part-time Accounting Tech III only.
- 3. Convert one (1) Judicial Case Manager to two (2) part-time Records Technician I positions only.
- 4. Provide staff with other direction.

Policy Analysis:

Personnel changes to add or change positions requires approval of the Board of Commissioners. In the past, the Board of Commissioners has approved resource enhancements to departments where a need has been demonstrated and these enhancements maintain the delivery of services to the citizens of Chatham County at adequate and efficient levels.

Recommendation:

That the Board adopt Alternative #1.

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**6. REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AN EASEMENT REQUEST FROM GEORGIA POWER TO CROSS TWO PARCELS OF LAND OWNED BY CHATHAM COUNTY.
[DISTRICTS 3 AND 4.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to authorize the Chairman to sign an easement request from Georgia Power to cross two parcels of land owned by Chatham County. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: X-6
AGENDA DATE: April 23, 2010**

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

ISSUE: Request Board approval authorizing the Chairman to sign an Easement request from Georgia Power to cross two (2) parcels of land that are owned by Chatham County.

BACKGROUND: Georgia Power is planning a major rebuild of the Deptford - Whitmarsh 115kv Transmission Line along Islands Expressway. This is a critical upgrade of the main source of power for the area along Islands Expressway and all of the Tybee Island area.

- FACTS AND FINDINGS:**
1. The easement request is for a critical upgrade of the main source of power that extends out to Tybee Island.
 2. The two (2) easements contain 0.26 acres and 0.03 acres for a total of 0.30 acres.
 3. Georgia Power is offering to pay Chatham County \$1,000 for the easements.

FUNDING:
N/A

- ALTERNATIVES:**
1. That the Board authorizes the Chairman to sign the Easement request from Georgia Power
 2. That the Board provides other direction

POLICY ANALYSIS:
Board action is required to transfer and convey public property owned by Chatham County.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

Commissioner Districts: 3 & 4

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**7. REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AN ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT FOR EASEMENT WITH GEORGIA POWER FOR THE HARDIN CANAL DRAINAGE PROJECT.
[DISTRICT 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to authorize the Chairman to sign an encroachment agreement for easement with Georgia Power for the Hardin Canal Drainage Project. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-7
AGENDA DATE: April 23, 2010

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

ISSUE: That the Board authorize the Chairman to sign an Encroachment Agreement for Easement with Georgia Power for the Hardin Canal Drainage project.

BACKGROUND: During construction it was determined that part of the culvert to be installed for The City of Savannah's Police Stable Road is in a Georgia Power Transmission Line Right of Way. Georgia Power submitted an application (#1004189) to the County for the right to work within their Right of Way.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. None of Georgia Power's facilities will require relocation. The culvert is being constructed between existing transmission poles.
- 2. There are no costs for the Agreement. The Encroachment Agreement allows the County to construct, operate and maintain the new bottomless arch culvert being constructed within the Georgia Power Right of Way.
- 3. The document required for signature is an Encroachment Agreement for Easement. The document was submitted to the County Attorney for review.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. That the Board authorize the Chairman to sign an Encroachment Agreement for Easement with Georgia Power for the Hardin Canal Drainage project.
- 2. That the Board not authorize the action.

FUNDING: No funds are required.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The Board must approve intergovernmental agreements.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve Alternative No. 1.

District: 7

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8. REQUEST FOR COUNTY TO RELEASE THE FINANCIAL GUARANTEE AND END THE ONE YEAR WARRANTY PERIOD FOR OAK POINTE TOWNHOMES. [DISTRICT 7.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the request from Oak Pointe Townhomes to release the financial guarantee and end the one year warranty period. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-8
AGENDA DATE: April 23, 2010

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

ISSUE: To release the financial guarantee and end the one-year warranty period for Oak Pointe Townhomes.

BACKGROUND: In accordance to the request of the Engineer, Thomas & Hutton, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners initiated a 12-month warranty period and reduced the financial guarantee for this subdivision on March 7, 2008. According to the construction agreement, the developer, Abercorn Site, LLC, was required to maintain a bond on file in the Department of Engineering in the amount of \$73,736.

FACTS AND FINDINGS

- 1. Oak Pointe is a private townhome development located on Henderson Boulevard. The subdivision consists of 60 lots on 8.04 acres. The paving and drainage are privately maintained. The water and sewer improvements are maintained by the City of Savannah. The streetlights are privately maintained.
- 2. Staff approved the construction plans and issued a permit for construction of the improvements. Construction of the required site improvements is complete. The improvements were inspected and found to be acceptable. The County currently holds a bond in the amount of \$73,736.

3. The required warranty period is complete. The financial guarantee issued by INSCO Insurance Services, Inc., will be returned upon acceptance.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To release the financial guarantee and end the one-year warranty period for Oak Pointe Townhomes.
2. Do not approve the request.

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

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commissioners approve Alternative No. 1.

District: 7

Prepared by: Nick Milionis

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

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
A. Agreement for temporary closure of a golf cart path and a portion of the Henderson golf course during construction of the Henderson Drainage improvement project	Engineering	CGL of Savannah, Inc.	\$28,035	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Drainage, Gateway/Henderson Project
B. Change Order No. 1 to the contract for the construction of a new pump house on Paxton Drive for a 19 day extension of the completion days	Public Works and Park Services	R. L. Construction Group, Inc. (WBE)	N/A	No additional funding required
C. Change Order No. 1 to the engineering services contract to provide design and construction documents for the fender system at the bridge at Turners Creek for additional design services	Public Works and Park Services	Collins Engineers, Inc.	\$10,109	CIP - Bridges
D. Software licenses agreement	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing (State Contract)	\$82,292	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
E. Software and license for the Eastern Judicial Circuit Data Exchange project	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing (State Contract)	\$41,727	Multiple Grant Fund - Clerk Superior Court
F. Annual software maintenance license agreement	I.C.S.	ESRI, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$42,427	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
G. Annual software maintenance license agreement	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing (State Contract)	\$40, 636	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
H. Task Order Contracts to provide various engineering, geo-technical, surveying and environmental services	Engineering	•Thomas & Hutton •McGee Partners •Hussey, Gay, Bell and DeYoung •James M. Anderson & Associates	NTE \$250,000	•SPLOST - (1985-1993) (1993-1998), (1998-2003), (2003-2008), (2008-2014) •CIP •Land Bank

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
I. Change Order No. 1 (Summary) to the contract to install two (2) new traffic signals at the intersection of the on and off ramps of Veterans Parkway at Chatham Parkway for additional labor and materials not included in the original construction documents	Engineering	Moye Electric Company	\$9,836	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Unincorporated Roads, Chatham Parkway/ Veterans
J. Change Order No. 3 to the contract to provide electrical services at the Chatham County Resource Conservation Education Center for a 90-day extension	Public Works and Park Services	Moore and Sons Electrical	N/A	No additional funding required
K. Construction contract for the interior/exterior finishing of the administrative area at the Chatham County Resource Conservation Education Center	Public Works and Park Services	Johnson Construction Company (WBE)	\$58,743	Solid Waste Restricted
L. Annual contract with automatic renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to provide Insurance Agent/Broker services	Finance	Wells Fargo Insurance Services USA, Inc.	\$40,000	Risk Management Fund - Insurance and Surety Bond Premiums
M. Print, insert and mail 2010 first installment tax bills	Tax Commissioner	Diversified Companies (Sole Source)	\$15,600	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
N. Confirmation of the emergency award of a contract for the site development for the Chatham County communications tower	Special Projects	A.D. Williams Construction Co., Inc.	\$62,000	CIP - Communications Tower
O. Change Order No. 2 to the contract for the construction of the Records Center for deducts	Special Projects	Choate Construction Company	(\$16,231)	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Courthouse Construction
P. Change Order No. 3 to the contract for the construction of the Records Center	Special Projects	Choate Construction Company	\$72,049	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Courthouse Construction

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve Items 9-A through 9-P, both inclusive. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM : X-9 *A thru P*

AGENDA DATE: April 23, 2010

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THRU: R.E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER

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

SUBJECT: AWARD OF BIDS

ITEM A

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$28,035 agreement with CGL of Savannah, Inc., for temporary closure of a golf cart path and a portion of the Henderson golf course during construction of the Henderson Drainage Improvement project.

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

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Construction of a larger culvert on the Little Neck Canal at Little Neck Road was completed in January 2010. Remaining culverts to be improved include the culvert at Henderson Oaks Drive and the golf cart culvert near the Henderson Golf Community swimming pool. The golf cart culvert is located beneath electric transmission lines and near the community swimming pool.
2. Design of the culvert improvements is complete. The design originally considered installation of a temporary golf cart run-around and bridge that would allow golfers to pass by the construction zone. Staff believes that the close proximity of golfers to the construction equipment and operations is an undesirable situation due to the possibility of injury.
3. The estimated cost of a temporary run-around and bridge is \$52,000. Staff believes that construction costs will be lower by eliminating the contractor's need to protect golfers. The added cost to the contractor of having to protect golfers is a real but intangible cost to the project.

FUNDING: SPLOST (1998 - 2003) - Drainage, Gateway/Henderson Project
(3224250 - 54.30101 - 3228035Z)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$28,0235 agreement with CGL of Savannah, Inc., for temporary closure of a golf cart path and a portion of the Henderson golf course during construction of the Henderson Drainage Improvement project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve agreements between the County and corporate entities when it is in the best interest of the County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order No. 1, with no additional funding required, to the contract with R.L. Construction Group, Inc., a WBE firm, for a 19-day extension on the completion days of the new pump house on Paxton Drive.

BACKGROUND: On 4 December 2009, the Board approved the award a \$45,498 construction contract to R.L. Construction Group, Inc., to construct a new pump house on Paxton Drive for Public Works and Park Services.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. After the issuance of the contract, unforeseen conditions of the access road leading to the work site made it impossible for the contractor's vehicles or equipment to gain entry to mobilize on site.
2. Public Works Road Maintenance staff provided assistance by installing several loads of gravel type road materials to the access road leading to the work site.
3. The contractor was delayed in getting started on actual construction and requested a 19-day extension. Staff along with the architect has reviewed the request and are in agreement with the change order.

4. Contract history:

Original Contract (12-04-09)	\$45,498
Change Order No. 1 (Pending)	<u>\$ 0</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$45,498

FUNDING: No additional funding is required

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 1, with no additional funding required, to the contract with R.L. Construction Group, Inc., a WBE firm, for an extension on the completion days of the new pump house on Paxton Drive.
2. Provide staff other direction

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$10,109, to the contract with Collins Engineers Inc., for a geo-technical study as part of design development and construction document phases of the fender system for the bridge at Turners Creek.

BACKGROUND: On 26 February 2010, the Board awarded a sole source engineering services contract to Collins Engineers Inc. to provide engineering services for the design and construction phases of the fender system for the bridge at Turners Creek on Johnny Mercer Boulevard for Public Works and Park Services.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. As part of the design development it is necessary to perform a geo-technical study of soils that will be bored for vertical supports of the fender system. This study will allow the engineer the best information to support the design. It will also give the contractor selected for construction, information needed to support their bids and at the same time protect the County from claims due to insufficient data.
2. The geo-technical study will consist of one (1) boring being taken and an engineering report developed to provide pile design information for the proposed fender replacement. A standard penetration test (SPT) boring will be performed at the fender location using SPT rig mounted on a barge at the actual fender location.
3. Staff believes the price from Collins Engineers Inc., for the additional work, to be fair and reasonable.
4. Contract history:

Original Contract (02-26-10)	\$14,400
Change Order No. 1 (Pending)	<u>\$10,109</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$24,509

FUNDING: CIP - Bridges
(3504230 - 54.14002 - 35031273)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$10,109, to the contract with Collins Engineers Inc., for a geo-technical study as part of design development and construction document phases of the fender system for the bridge at Turners Creek.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to issue Change Orders to reflect changes in the scope of work.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval of an \$82,292 software license agreement, off the State of Georgia contract, from Dell Marketing, L.P. for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: The County is converting from NetWare servers to Windows server for better job productivity. This Enterprise Agreement with Microsoft Corporation through Dell Marketing, for licensing of software will be used on each Chatham County workstation. These licenses are required to run various software applications throughout the Chatham County network.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. State Purchasing awarded this contract through a competitive process based on requirements and specifications of the Georgia Technology Authority.
- 2. The Enterprise Agreement provides software upgrades and software support for Windows, Exchange, SharePoint, and SMS servers during the life of the agreement.
- 3. Staff believes the State of Georgia contract pricing of \$82,292 is fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of an \$82,292 software license’s agreement, off the State of Georgia contract, from Dell Marketing, L.P. for I.C.S.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary support for applications used for job productivity.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$41,727 for software and license, off the State of Georgia contract, for the Eastern Judicial Circuit Data Exchange (EJCDE) project from Dell Marketing, L. P., for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: Chatham County is converting from NetWare servers to Windows server and replacing Zenworks all together. There are two (2) types of software needed for this conversion. The software allows Chatham County external connectivity to other Municipalities.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. State Purchasing awarded this contract through a competitive process based on requirements and specifications of the Georgia Technology Authority.
- 2. This software enables the SQL server application to access the SharePoint portal which connects all external Municipalities participating in the EJCDE project.
- 3. Included with the software / license are software upgrades and support for 12 months.
- 4. Staff believes this total cost of \$41,727 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: Multiple Grant Fund - Clerk Superior Court
(2502180 - 53.17009 - 25024172)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$41,727 for software and license, off the State of Georgia contract, for the Eastern Judicial Circuit Data Exchange (EJCDE) project from Dell Marketing, L. P., for I.C.S.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of essential software to run needed applications used throughout the county.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
TOM DRANE

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$42,427 sole source annual software maintenance agreement from 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., quoted staff a price of \$42,427 for the annual software maintenance renewal. The cost for the software maintenance reflects a 7% 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.
3. Staff believes this total cost of \$42,427 to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$42,427 sole source annual software maintenance agreement from 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 _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$40,636 annual software maintenance, off the State of Georgia contract, from Dell Marketing, L.P. for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: This Corel Maintenance and License Agreement (MLA) provides the County with technical support, upgrade protection and reduced pricing for additional licenses. This software provides word processing tools with a full suite of productivity software.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. State Purchasing awarded this sole source contract through a competitive process based on requirements and specifications of the Georgia Technology Authority.
- 2. Dell Marketing, L.P. quoted staff a total cost of \$40,636. This price reflects an increase over last year’s maintenance cost. The increase is attributed to the change in the total number of licenses (599) requiring maintenance. Each department purchases new licenses with prorated maintenance throughout the year. I.C.S. pays the maintenance renewal annually.
- 3. Staff believes the cost of \$40,636 is fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of a \$40,636 annual software maintenance, off the State of Georgia contract, from Dell Marketing, L.P. for I.C.S.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board to authorize professional services Task Order Contracts for amounts not to exceed \$250,000 with various engineering, geo-technical, surveying and environmental services companies.

BACKGROUND: There are numerous small construction projects that can be done by a variety of professional engineer and technical services companies that either are pre-qualified by the Georgia Department of Transportation or have demonstrated their capability to accomplish quality and timely work for the County. To “slug” through the quality-based selection process for a host of companies that are all “qualified” on small projects is neither timely nor cost effective.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. The contracts will be managed by task orders. Each contract will be for a specified not to exceed amount. The task orders will be for specific tasks with deliverables for either lump sum or not to exceed amounts (e.g., time and materials).
- 2. The companies listed in this report is not intended to be all inclusive of “qualified” companies. Their selection is based on their prior experience with the County on projects or their GDOT pre-qualification. Most of the consultants are already the “consultant of record” on County projects.
 - a. Thomas & Hutton (transportation & drainage) (NTE \$250,000)
 - b. McGee Partners, Inc. (transportation) (NTE \$250,000)
 - c. Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung, Inc.
(transportation, drainage) (NTE \$250,000)
 - d. James M Anderson & Associates, (surveying) (NTE \$250,000)

FUNDING: SPLOST - (1985-1993), (1993-1998), (1998-2003), (2003-2008), (2008-2014)
CIP
Land Bank

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board to authorize professional services Task Order Contracts for amounts not to exceed \$250,000 with various engineering, geo-technical, surveying and environmental services companies.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM I

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order 1 (Summary) in the amount of \$9,836 to the construction contract with Moye Electric Company for the Chatham Parkway Intersection Improvements project.

BACKGROUND: On 11 September 2009, the Board awarded a contract to install two (2) new traffic signals at the intersection of the on and off ramps of Veterans Parkway at Chatham Parkway. The constructed improvements are complete.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Change Order compensates the contractor for additional labor and materials not included in the original construction documents.
2. The contractor installed additional pull boxes at each of the traffic signals, provided additional wire and labor to connect power to each traffic signal and relocated a video detection camera where the line of sight was obstructed.
3. Contract history:

Original Contract (9-11-09)	\$200,899
Change Order 1 (pending)	\$ 9,836
Revised Contract Amount	\$210,735

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003 - 2008) - Unincorporated Roads, Chatham Pkwy/Veterans
(3234220 - 52.12003 - 32356587)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order 1 (Summary) in the amount of \$9,836 to the construction contract with Moye Electric Company for the Chatham Parkway Intersection Improvements.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM J

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order No. 3, with no additional funding required, to the contract with Moore and Sons Electrical for a 90-day extension to the contract to provide electrical services at the Chatham County Resource Conservation Education Center.

BACKGROUND: On 25 September 2009, the Board approved a construction contract with Moore and Sons Electrical Service, Inc. to provide electrical services at the Chatham County Resource Conservation Education Center.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. On 26 February 2010, the Board approved Change Order No. 2 to the contract for 51 LED recessed lighting fixtures. The Contractor placed an order for the newly approved LED light fixtures which had just become available for order by the public.
2. The contractor has completed all other electrical tasks on the contract and is waiting for installation of insulation and drywall before proceeding with the installation of the recessed lighting fixtures.
3. A separate item (see Item K) is on the current agenda for the award of a contract to Johnson Construction Company that will include the installation of insulation and drywall. The request from Moore and Sons Electrical for an additional 90 days to the completion date will allow enough time for the contract with Johnson Construction Company to be to the point that installation of the recessed lights can occur.
4. Staff along with the consultant is in agreement with the change order.
5. Contract history:

Original Contract (09-25-09)	\$45,807
Change Order No. 1 (12-18-09)	\$0
Change Order No. 2 (02-26-10)	\$19,260
Change Order No. 3 (Pending)	<u>\$0</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$65,067

FUNDING: No additional funding is required.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 3, with no additional funding required, to the contract with Moore and Sons Electrical for a 90-day extension to the contract to provide electrical services at the Chatham County Resource Conservation Education Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM K

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$58,743 construction contract to Johnson Construction Company, a WBE firm, for the interior/exterior finishing of the administrative area at the Chatham County Resource Conservation Education Center.

BACKGROUND: The Resource Conservation Education Center was approved by the Board to lead Chatham County’s efforts in conservation. With the Board’s guidance towards being the Greenest County and the hard work from the Environmental Forum the construction standards for the education center are set incredibly high.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Center is now entering into the final phase of completion. Plans and specifications were developed with an emphasis to adhere to LEED specifications. This contract will complete the interior renovation project. Work on this project will include wallboard, tile, bamboo flooring, thermal and batt insulation, painting, doors and frames.
2. Bids were properly advertised and opened on 6 April 2010. The bid responses are as follows:

* Johnson Construction Company Savannah, GA	\$58,743
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	Keith Ray Construction Thunderbolt, GA	\$58,900
*	Robin Restoration Savannah, GA	\$64,832
*	Pioneer Construction Savannah, GA	\$74,050

- Staff along with the architect reviewed the bids and references and believes the low bid provided by Johnson Construction Company to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: Solid Waste Restricted
(5404510 - 54.12009)

ALTERNATIVES:

- Board approval to award a \$58,743 construction contract to Johnson Construction Company, a WBE firm, for the interior/exterior finishing of the administrative area at the Chatham County Resource Conservation Education Center.
- Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM L

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$40,000 annual contract, with automatic renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Wells Fargo Insurance Services USA, Inc., of Savannah, to provide Insurance Agent/Broker Services for Chatham County.

BACKGROUND: The County has historically contracted the services of an Insurance Agent/Broker to approach prospective insurance markets in order to place coverage, at the lowest possible cost, for the commercial assets portion of the County’s risk management program.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued, publically advertised, and mailed to ten (10) qualified organizations/firms, of which six (6) were local firms. Three (3) firms responded to the RFP: Wells Fargo Insurance Service USA, Inc., IMR Services of GA and ASC & Associates, LLC of Savannah (Joint Venture) and Alliant Insurance Services of Alpharetta, GA.
- The technical proposals were scored and ranked by an evaluation committee which consisted of the Risk Manager, the Senior Accountant, and the Budget Analyst. The three (3) firms met all technical requirements. Please refer to the matrix provided on page 20, for scoring details of the technical proposals and fees.
- Fee proposals were requested from all three (3) firms. Firm’s were required to state the basis for any subsequent year price increases. Wells Fargo Insurance Services USA, Inc., fees will remain the same for the duration of the contract. IMR Services of GA & ASC & Associates, LLC (Joint Venture) has a 3% increase for year three (3) and year five (5). Alliance Insurance Services proposed a 2% increase years 2 - 5. Proposal results are as follows:

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Fees</u>
Wells Fargo Insurance Services USA, Inc. Savannah, GA	132	\$40,000 No Increase
IMR Services of GA and ASC and Associates, LLC (Joint Venture) Savannah, GA	116.01	\$40,000 3% increase years 3-5

Alliant Insurance Services Alpharetta, GA	98.53	\$67,500 2% increase years 2-5
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4. Staff believes Wells Fargo Insurance Services USA, Inc., fees to be reasonable and fair.

FUNDING: Insurance and Surety Bond Premium Account
(6259922 - 52.11001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$40,000 annual contract, with automatic renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Wells Fargo Insurance Services USA, Inc., of Savannah, to provide Insurance Agent/Broker Services for Chatham County.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide essential services at the lowest possible cost and to award annual contracts to firms which rank the highest in a competitive sealed proposal procurement process.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM M

ISSUE: Request Board approval of an \$15,600 sole source purchase for printing, inserting, and mailing the 2010 first installment tax bills with Diversified Companies LLC for the Tax Commissioner’s Office.

BACKGROUND: The process involves programming as well as the actual labor of printing, inserting and mailing tax bills.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Diversified Companies is capable of this programming, but also receives support from Manatron, the vendor for Chatham County’s tax collection software, due to their close physical proximity.
2. Staff believes the total cost of \$15,600 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M & O - Tax Commissioner
(1001545 - 52.11001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of an \$15,600 sole source purchase for printing, inserting, and mailing the 2010 first installment tax bills with Diversified Companies LLC for the Tax Commissioner’s Office.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases for the using departments for the mailing of tax bills.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM N

ISSUE: Request Board confirmation of the emergency approval to award a \$62,000 contract to A.D. Williams Construction Co., Inc. for the site development for the Chatham County Communications Tower.

BACKGROUND: Due to the current condition of the communications tower located at the Sheriff’s Complex, it was determined that a new communications tower was necessary because it is essential in providing the Sheriff’s Operations with a reliable

communications site that will support both daily operations as well as emergency regional communications. This portion of the project is specifically geared to prepare the site for the installation of the new communications tower, which is covered under a separate contract.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. Due to the Bid evaluations not being completed in time to meet the Purchasing’s Agenda deadline for the Board’s scheduled meeting on 26 March 2010, staff requested and received emergency approval from the Chairman on 23 March 2010 (see attached memo on page 21). This request was necessary due to the time constraint of getting this portion of the project complete so the new Communications Tower can be installed. Once the approval was issued, staff was able to issue the contract and issue Notice to Proceed to A.D. Williams Construction Co., Inc. The site development work has commenced. This request for confirmation was supposed to make the 9 April 2010 meeting, but unfortunately was left off that agenda.
- 2. This project was properly advertised and eight (8) bids were received and opened on 16 March 2010. The bid responses are as follows:

A.D. Williams Construction Co., Inc. Savannah, GA	\$62,000
** Collins Construction Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$73,100
Griffin Contracting, Inc. Pooler, GA	\$74,935
* Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc. Hardeeville, SC	\$82,500
Sitework Construction, LLC Savannah, GA	\$84,873
McLendon Enterprises, Inc. Vidalia, GA	\$93,678
** E & D Contracting Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$114,749

One additional bid was received but was considered non-responsive.

*MBE firm
**WBE firm

- 3. Staff believes the bid from A.D. Williams Construction Co., Inc. to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP- Communications Tower
(3503326 - 54.13010 - 35030517)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board confirmation of the emergency approval to award a \$62,000 contract to A.D. Williams Construction Co., Inc. for the site development for the Chatham County Communications Tower.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to confirm emergency approvals that have been signed by the Chairman.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM O

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order No. 2, in the deductive amount of \$16,231, to the construction contract with Choate Construction for the Records Center.

BACKGROUND: On 14 August 2009, the Board awarded a contract, in the amount of \$2,729,800, for construction of the Records Center. The project will consolidate all of the County’s records into a central location, which will be constructed to standards to withstand a Category 5 hurricane and storm surge. The relocation of records also allows the Courthouse project to move forward. As a renovation project, construction has identified some unforeseen conditions which the construction drawings did not include; however, some offsets result because of savings from work not needed.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Board awarded a contract to Choate Construction in the amount of \$2,729,800 for the construction of the Records Center. Work continues toward a completion date in September 2010.
2. Change Order No. 2 would provide a deduct amount based on savings through acceptance of an alternative lighting package and deletion of some fencing not needed, both of which resulted from value engineering. Some additional work for removal and replacement of slabs will be needed because of unforeseen conditions.
3. Total changes would be a net decrease of \$16,231. Contract history is as follows:

Contract award (8-14-09)	\$2,729,800
Change Order No. 1 (1-15-10) for training room	\$ 28,151
Change Order No. 2 (Pending) for value engineering credits	<u>\$ -16,231</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$2,741,720

FUNDING: SPLOST (2008-2014) Courthouse Project
(3244980 - 54.13011 - 32460427)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 2, in the deductive amount of \$16,231, to the construction contract with Choate Construction for the Records Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: Changes in contract amounts and terms requires the Board’s approval in conformance with the County’s Purchasing Ordinance and Procedures Manual.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
TOM DRANE

ITEM P

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order No. 3, in the amount of \$72,049, to the construction contract with Choate Construction for the Records Center

BACKGROUND: On 14 August 2009, the Board awarded a contract, in the amount of \$2,729,800, for construction of the Records Center. The project will consolidate all of the County’s records into a central location, which will be constructed to standards to withstand a Category 5 hurricane and storm surge. The relocation of records also allows the Courthouse project to move forward. As a renovation project, construction has identified some unforeseen conditions which the construction drawings did not include; however, some offsets result because of savings from work not needed.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Board awarded a contract to Choate Construction in the amount of \$2,729,800 for the construction of the Records Center. Work continues toward a completion date in September 2010.

- 2. As a renovation project, construction has identified some unforeseen conditions which the construction drawings did not include. Change Order No. 3 addresses installing new rim boards/structural support at a total cost of \$72,049, including an additional 48 days for the completion of the work.
- 3. Construction has continued to a point that change orders will be less likely since the structure has become uncovered; however, the County can anticipate a pending significant change order of approximately \$100,000 because of a utility line upgrade. The existing Garden City water lines are insufficient to provide the necessary volume and pressure for the fire sprinkler system.
- 4. Contract history is as follows:

Contract award (8-14-09)	\$2,729,800
Change Order No. 1 (1-15-10) for training room	\$ 28,151
Change Order No. 2 (Pending) for value engineering credits	\$ -16,231
Change Order No. 3 (Pending) for rim boards/structural and add 48 days	<u>\$ 72,049</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$2,813,769

FUNDING: SPLOST (2008-2014) Courthouse Project
(3244980 - 54.13011 - 32460427)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of Change Order No. 3, in the amount of \$72,049, to the construction contract with Choate Construction for the Records Center
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: Changes in contract amounts and terms requires the Board’s approval in conformance with the County’s Purchasing Ordinance and Procedures Manual.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
TOM DRANE

PREPARED BY _____
PURCHASING AGENT

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XI. FIRST READINGS

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

None.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

None.

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached 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: April 23, 2010**

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>
190 tons asphalt hot mix	Public Works and Park Services	Carroll and Carroll, Inc.	\$9,500	SSD - Public Works
Annual maintenance agreement for 31 software licenses	ICS	Citrix Online	\$3,433	General Fund/M&O - Various
240gl of various herbicides and chemical	Public Works and Park Services	Helena Chemical	\$3,735	SSD - Public Works
Cabling and related items for the Data Center	ICS	Comm Source Data, Inc.	\$3,921	General Fund/M&O - Communications
One (1) server with related items	Sheriff	Dell Marketing (State Contract)	\$8,247	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff
Two (2) Dell computers with keyboards, media card readers, software and on-site warranty	Public Works and Park Services	Dell Marketing (State Contract)	\$3,011	SSD - Public Works
8-1/2x24 trailer with ramp	Fleet Operations	Roy Newsome Enterprises	\$4,549	CIP - Fleet Operations
Self watering bowls for the Animal Control Shelter	Animal Control	Nelson Manufacturing (Sole Source)	\$6,728	CIP - Animal Control
Additional survey work for the sports complex extension at Charlie Brooks Park	Public Works and Park Services	Kern-Coleman and Company (Sole Source)	\$7,500	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Charlie Brooks Park
110 tons of infield mix for Jim Golden Complex	Public Works and Park Services	Glasscock Company, Inc.	\$3,485	CIP - Parks and Recreation
400 tons graded aggregate base stone for Wilmington Island Transfer Station	Solid Waste	Ready Mix USA	\$8,000	Solid Waste Restricted

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3. ROADS AND DRAINAGE REPORTS.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Status reports were attached as information.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 Roads
AGENDA DATE: April 23, 2010

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

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

BACKGROUND: The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) priorities for funding projects under the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) are changing frequently.

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Truman Parkway, Phase 5. On January 29, 2010 the GDOT awarded a construction contract to Balfour Beatty Infrastructure. Staging for construction started on April 15. Estimated completion December 2013.
2. Diamond Causeway. The GDOT awarded a design/build contract in 2009 to LPA / United Contracting (joint venture) to construct a two lane high level bridge over Skidaway Narrows to replace the bascule bridge. The design consultant indicates that construction should begin in June 2010.
3. Whitefield Avenue. The Final Field Plan Review is pending scheduling by the GDOT. ROW acquisition is progressing (closed on 80 of 81). Demolition of structures continues. Expect to certify ROW in May 2010. The project will be ready for letting to construction in FY 2011.
4. Local Roads.
 - a. Catherine Street and Adeline Street. Paving completed April 6.
 - b. Billings Road. Design complete. One condemnation pending.
 - c. Elmhurst Road, Beechwood Road and Ridgewood Road. Design and ROW acquisition complete on Elmhurst and Beechwood. Ridgewood being redesigned to accommodate trees and bamboo.
 - d. Intersection improvements on Chatham Parkway at Veterans Parkway. New traffic signals were fully operational on April 12.
 - e. Intersection improvements at King George Blvd and Grove Point Road. Construction plans to add turn lanes and traffic signals are complete. Right of way acquisition is complete. Utility relocation is in progress.
 - f. Wright Avenue and Fenwick Avenue/Medford Street. Under design for paving.
 - g. Dulany Road. On March 12, 2010 the Board approved a contract for paving. Estimated completion December 2010.
 - h. Wild Heron. Project to improve alignment and safety of roadway. Expected to be complete May 2010.
 - i. King George Boulevard sidewalks. New sidewalks on west side between Grove Point Road and Red Fox Drive. Expected to be complete June 2010.
 - j. Wild Heron Sidewalks. Under contract expect start construction July 2010.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts: All

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 Drainage
AGENDA DATE: April 23, 2010

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: A. G. Bungard, County Engineer

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

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

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Pipemakers Canal. The Pipemakers Canal extends from Bloomingdale to the Savannah River (over 13 miles). The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization, sluice gates and culverts. Construction of the sluice gate structure and channel improvements from SR 21 to the Savannah River (about 1.4 miles) was completed in 2005. Staff is working toward a construction contract for the next phase of the project. A separate project to improve operating efficiency and longevity of the sluice gates is also underway.

2. Hardin Canal. The Hardin Canal extends from Bloomingdale to Salt Creek near US 17 (over 12 miles). The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization, bridges and culverts. The Board awarded a construction contract on February 12, 2010 to replace golf cart bridges between I-16 and Southbridge Boulevard. Construction is underway and expected to be complete by the end of summer 2010. Construction of the SR 307 project is expected to take about a year with temporary closure of Dean Forest Road during the summer of 2010.

3. Conaway Branch Canal. The Conaway Canal extends from Bloomingdale at US 80 to Pipemakers Canal (about 1.6 miles). The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization and larger culverts. The Board awarded a construction contract on November 6, 2009. Construction is expected to be complete by June 2010. Temporary lane closures along Conaway Road and Hiram Road have been coordinated with local officials and emergency responders.

4. Wilmington Park Canal. The Wilmington Park Canal extends from North Cromwell Road to the Wilmington River (about 1.4 miles). The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization and culverts. Construction of new culverts with tide gates at Wilmington Island Road was completed in 2002. The project to install rip rap erosion protection at the culvert was completed in November 2009. Staff is evaluating the need for additional improvements.

5. Queensbury Drainage Improvements. The project area is south of Montgomery Cross Road and west of Ferguson Avenue and includes Tara Manor, Lakeview and the Forest City Gun Club. The project includes canal widening, culverts and access for maintenance. Current work will address inadequate drainage capacity of the system serving the Ennis Mobile Home Park and in the area between the Gun Club and the Truman Parkway. Work is expected to produce a preliminary design by May 2010.

6. Kings Way Canal. The Kings Way Canal extends from the Kingswood Subdivision to Whitefield Avenue (about 0.7 miles). The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization and culverts. Phase 1 was completed in 2005 as a part of the construction of Truman Parkway. Phase 2 is complete. Staff is discussing acquisition of drainage easements from the Gun Club that will enable construction of drainage improvements around the back side of the subdivision.

7. Louis Mills / Redgate Canal. The Louis Mills and Redgate Canals are tributaries to the South Springfield Canal. A contract to widen the channel and replace culverts between Garrard Avenue and the railroad was awarded by the Board on June 12, 2009. Construction is expected to be complete by September 2010.

8. Ogeechee Farms Area. The Ogeechee Farms project includes improvements to canals and culverts. Phase 1 was completed in July 2005 (piped in about 0.2 miles of channel south of Vidalia Road and replaced a road crossing at Waynesboro Road). A project to improve several undersized culverts along the Vidalia Canal south of Vidalia

Road is under construction and is expected to be complete in May 2010. Staff started work to design improvements at Yemassee Road and Ridgeland Road.

9. Quacco Canal. The Quacco Canal extends from the Little Ogeechee River to the Regency Mobile Home Park (about 4 miles). The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization, culverts, and providing access for maintenance. A contract to construct drainage improvements including replacement of two culverts at Quacco Road and installation of a new storm sewer pipeline is underway and is expected to be complete by January 2011.

10. Norwood Drainage Outfalls. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance. Four outfalls along Norwood, between Skidaway Road and Lester Avenue, are being considered for improvements. Design work is underway for the outfall at Skidaway Road. Design work is also underway for improvements for the Norwood Place outfall. Staff is in the process of acquiring required rights-of-ways and easements for installation and maintenance of these two drainage improvement projects.

11. Henderson/Gateway. Drainage is provided by the Little Neck Canal and the Henderson Branch Canal (combined length about 2 miles). Development of the subdivisions led to increased rates and volumes of storm water runoff which the canals cannot handle. A project to replace the golf cart culvert and culvert at Henderson Oaks Drive is currently being advertised for construction. Staff is working with utilities to relocate facilities prior to construction.

12. Shipyard-Beaulieu Area. The project will be accomplished in phases. The first phase was to replace the storm drain pipe at Beaulieu Avenue. Construction of the first phase began in September 2009 and was completed in January 2010. The second phase will replace an undersized storm drain pipe behind the Montgomery Baptist Church. Staff is working with the church for required easements for maintenance and access.

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

14. Skidaway Road. The project will improve roadside drainage and address vehicle safety issues along a portion of Skidaway Road near Wormsloe. Preliminary construction plans are complete and rights of way acquisitions are complete for all properties. The project was approved by the Coastal Resources Division in December 2009. Staff is currently working to secure temporary construction easements from the Department of Natural Resources.

15. LaRoche Culvert. The project includes the replacement of a drainage culvert located under LaRoche Avenue north of Lansing Avenue. The culvert replacement is in response to a deteriorating brick arch culvert with several cracks. A Professional Services Agreement contract was approved by the Commission on January 29, 2010. Preliminary design work is underway.

16. Lehigh-Shipyard Lane Area. The project will relieve roadside drainage issues causing nuisance flooding in the Lehigh Avenue and Shipyard Lane area. Preliminary design work is complete for improvements within the existing Lehigh Avenue right-of-way from Shipyard Road to Shore Avenue. Final design plans are expected to be complete by July 2010.

17. Laberta-Cresthill Area. The project will relieve flooding within the Cresthill Subdivision. An engineering firm evaluated the storm water drainage system and the outfall to Haneys Creek. Preliminary design work is underway to improve the piping network and the outfall.

18. Quacco Canal Drainage Extension. The project will relieve drainage issues causing street and nuisance flooding in the Willow Lakes Subdivision. Preliminary design work to extend the piping network from Quacco Trail to the existing lake within the subdivision is complete. Final design work is underway and expected to be complete by May 2010.

19. Belleview Drive Drainage Improvements. The project was designed by staff to improve drainage problems involving standing water that is a primary cause of pavement degradation and public nuisance. Construction of drainage improvements including a new storm sewer and drainage inlets is underway with completion expected by the end of April 2010.

20. Wahlstrom Road. The project will address drainage and maintenance access along the portion of Wahlstrom Road north of the railroad tracks. Drainage infrastructure in the area has received infrequent maintenance in the past due to extensive industrial activities in the area and lack of access. Current work is directed toward identifying ownership and responsibility of existing infrastructure and locating existing drainage easements and rights of way.

21. Romney Place Drainage Phase. Improve storm drains and road crossings on Romney Place and along Parkersburg Road. Design and acquisition of easements is complete. Construction bids for the project were received on April 29, 2008 and tabled indefinitely by the Board on May 9, 2008. In February, staff revisited the project with some of the area residents and found less opposition to the project. The project is currently being advertised. Staff expects to present a recommendation for a construction contract to the Board in May 2010.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts: All

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held at this meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned approximately 11:30 a.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2010

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

SYBIL E. TILLMAN, CLERK OF COMMISSION