

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 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 Liakakis called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.

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II. INVOCATION

Commissioner Harris Odell introduced Reverend Bennie Mitchell, who gave the Invocation.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Dean Kicklighter led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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IV. ROLL CALL

The Acting Clerk, Barbara Wright, called the roll.

Present: Pete Liakakis, Chairman
 Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, District 8, Vice Chairman
 Dean Kicklighter, District 7, Chairman Pro Tem
 Helen L. Stone, District 1
 James J. Holmes, District 2
 Patrick Shay, District 3
 Patrick K. Farrell, District 4
 Harris Odell, Jr., District 5
 David M. Gellatly, District 6

Also present: Russ Abolt, County Manager
 Jonathan Hart, County Attorney
 Barbara B Wright, Acting County Clerk

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. CHATHAM COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS WILL INTRODUCE THE "I AM GEORGIA 4-H CAMPAIGN" (PATRICIA WEST, CHATHAM COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM ASSISTANT).

Chairman Liakakis said, we call on Patricia West, the Program Assistant, to come forth and whoever else, please, all of you come up around the podium, all 4-H members. We're glad to have you here today.

Kevin Morris said, I am Vice President of the Southeast District, Senior Board of Directors. I am Georgia 4-H.

Peyton West said, I am elected member of the Southeast District, Junior Board of Directors. I am Georgia 4-H.

Nakayla Scott said, I learn by doing, and I am Georgia 4-H.

Candice Childs said, hello, a world in which youth and adults learn, grow, and work together as catalyst for positive change. I am Georgia 4-H.

DaNette Stevens said, I was one of 600 delegates at Georgia 4-H State Congress. I am Georgia 4-H.

Patrick Moynihan said, I make the best butter, and I am Georgia 4-H.

Clarissa Bacon said, 4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults. I am Georgia 4-H.

Byron Childs said, I am one of 157,000 4-H'ers in Georgia. I am Georgia 4-H.

Deborah Stevens said, I competed and won 1st place with my violin. I am Georgia 4-H.

Kirsten Morris said, 4-H can be found in every county and every state, as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and over 80 countries over the world. I am Georgia 4-H.

Connor Kortez said, 4-H has over 6 million alumni members, including Jennifer Nettles of Sugarland, Bill Clinton, Nancy Grace, Orville Redenbacher, Dolly Parton, David Letterman, Dr. Priscilla Thomas, four astronauts, 14 governors, and many more. We are launching our new campaign to show everybody that we are Georgia 4-H, and we are as strong as ever. We have bumper stickers so that everyone can show their support of this organization that has touched the lives of millions of children for the past 100 years. As stakeholders, we want to remind you that you are also Georgia 4-H.

Kristen Morris said, the Georgia 4-H or the Georgia Youth Summit is designed to create an awareness of state and local issues, to enhance youth and adult partnership on a local level and to equip youth to become active locally in the betterment of their community. I am Kristen Morris, a Georgia 4-H military youth ambassador. On September 11-13, 600 delegates will convene to discuss community issues and work on a plan of action to bring back to our county. I'd like to introduce you to the other Chatham County delegates: Kevin Morris, member of the State Youth Summing Planning Committee; Connor Kortez, student at Islands High School; Candice Childs, student at Johnson High School; Ayea Abraham, student at Windsor Forest High School; Byron Childs, student at Johnson High School; and Peyton West, member of Clovers & Company.

Connor Kortez said, we are asking you to take a minute to write down one issue in Chatham County that you feel we could discuss at this Summit and possibly bring back a plan of action. We will have a full report ready for you in the coming months. Thank you for your time.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much. We really appreciate what 4-H has done for many, many years in our cities and our counties, not only here in our area, around the state, around the country, and other places, also, because we've seen many, many successes. We appreciate these stickers that you have given us, and where you want us to write down an issue, in case somebody hasn't thought of one, we can give them to Jackie, and she will distribute it to the 4-H unit for the Commissioners that don't have time this morning to do this. I'm sorry, Priscilla, go ahead.

Commissioner Thomas said, I don't want to miss this opportunity to thank these young people. I sit here with pride, and I am so excited about what you are embracing upon, and I just want to say to you that I got my start in 4-H, and it's something that will teach you to become a well-rounded person. So I want to say to those young people who are out there who have not considered to become a member of the 4-H Club, it is really worth your while, and I'm just so proud of you, because being a Master 4-H'er myself, it was not an easy thing to attain, believe me. I know exactly what you are talking about, so I just want to challenge as many of the young people out there who have not considered becoming a 4-H'er to do so. Thank you and God speed.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

1. September Board Meeting?

Chairman Liakakis said, because our County Manager, and there's some other activity going on, we need a motion on the floor to change the meeting dates for September and just have the one meeting on September the 17th.

Commissioner Stone said, so move, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

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

Commissioner Thomas said, can we have discussion? You said –

Chairman Liakakis said, yes.

Commissioner Thomas said, you said that the reason – what's the reason?

Chairman Liakakis said, well, our County Manager was talking to me and there's a possibility of some others not being here for the meeting.

Commissioner Thomas said, so we won't have a quorum?

Chairman Liakakis said, oh, no, we'll have a quorum, but it's just a matter of changing the date to the 17th because of some of the activity that's going on.

Commissioner Shay said, does that also mean that we'll change the meeting for the CAT Board to the same time?

County Manager Abolt said, yes.

Commissioner Thomas said, that's what I'm saying.

County Manager Abolt said, so you'll have one meeting in September.

Commissioner Shay said, let's make sure that our other CAT Board members know that, as well, because some of them aren't on the Commission.

Chairman Liakakis said, anything else, Priscilla?

Commissioner Thomas said, no, I guess not.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved that the Board of Commissioners have one meeting in September, to be held on September 17th. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kicklighter and it carried unanimously.

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

NONE.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

- 1. Purchasing Item. Note: Item was tabled at meeting of August 13, 2010, in order to allow time to research past performance of AshBritt. Staff recommends keeping this on the table to allow for more detailed analysis.**

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
N. Annual contract for Disaster Recovery Services with automatic option to renew for four (4) additional one year terms	Public Works and Park Services	•AshBritt, Inc. (Primary) •J. B. Coxwell Contracting, Inc. (Secondary)	As needed, if mobilized due to disaster	As required

Chairman Liakakis said, the Staff has recommended keeping this on the table, so we'll move on to the next item.

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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: Fiscal year 2010 adjustments for fund closings and year end closing for financial statements: (1) in the General Fund M&O (a) increase revenues and contingency \$150,000 for a transfer in from the Henderson Golf Course Fund, (b) transfer \$6,500 from Contingency to the County Attorney's office, and (c) transfer \$29,000 from Contingency to HazMat Expenses, (2) amend the Street Paving Fund to appropriate \$15,000 fund balance to transfer to the Special Service District Fund, (3) in the Special Service District Fund (a) increase revenues and reduce fund balance appropriation \$15,000 for transfer from Street Paving Fund, (b) increase revenues and expenditures \$50,000 for restricted court fees, and (c) transfer \$73,530 from contingency to Engineering salaries, (4) in Sales Tax IV Fund (a) transfer \$359,700 from Administrative Expenditures Drainage to Administrative Expenditures Roads, and (b) transfer funds among Various County Roads projects as outlined in the attached schedule; Fiscal Year 2011: (1) in the General Fund M&O (a) increase revenues and expenditures to recognize the roll-forward of 2010 encumbrance balances of \$2,056,974, (b) transfer \$20,000 within the Superior Court Administrator's budget for salaries and benefits, (c) transfer \$21,700 from the Court Expenditures budget to Superior Court Administrator salaries and benefits, (d) increase revenues from Tax Commissioner commissions \$90,283, Contingency \$63,490 and Transfer to CIP \$26,793, (e) transfer \$9,000 from Information and Communications**

Services (ICS) to Administrative Services, and (f) transfer \$6,000 within the ICS budget for salaries, (2) Special Service District Fund, increase revenues and expenditures to recognize the roll-forward of 2010 encumbrance balances of \$190,172, (3) Confiscated Revenue Fund, increase revenues and expenditures to recognize the roll-forward of 2010 encumbrance balances of \$32,472, (4) in the Capital Improvement Program Fund: (a) transfer \$15,700 from the Road Improvements project to the Guardrail Replacement project and (b) increase revenues and expenditures \$200,000 for the Mosquito Control project, (c) increase revenues and expenditures \$26,793 for the Transfer In from General Fund M&O for the Tax Commissioner's project, (5) increase the Multiple Grant Fund budget \$3,852,559 for grant awards continuing from FY2010, and (6) increase the Greenbriar project in the Sales Tax IV Fund \$102,784 and reduce the Reserve for Nonprofit Organizations by \$102,784.

Commissioner Farrell said, so move.

Commissioner Shay said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, we have a motion on the floor and a second. Any discussion? Dean?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's listed 1(a) in the General Fund M&O, increase revenues and contingency \$150,000 for transfer in from the Henderson Golf Course Fund. To the County Manager, would it be possible to do so, but earmark the monies for Capital Improvements at Henderson? Because we've heard recently --

County Manager Abolt said, I'd defer to Mr. Monahan, but I believe that is the intent. This is a bookkeeping follow-up. You closed the Enterprise Fund for Henderson back in April, so we're just taking that money and putting it in CIP, but I'll defer to Mr. Monahan.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so it is going to go back?

Mr. Monahan said, yes, sir. You might recall that I committed to the Board that we are developing the Capital Improvement project list for Henderson, as well as reviewing, as Commissioner Odell requested, reviewing the prior financial statements. We're wrapping up this year. So as soon as that's done, within the next couple weeks, we'll be able to get that report to the Board. But, yes, you could do that. You could place that fund into the General Fund and then identify it specifically for the Henderson improvements.

County Manager Abolt said, I might add, as I mentioned before, that the reason why the County has received all these nice awards is because you do things like this, and it's a lot of words for the Chairman to read and for your action to absorb it all, but this gets us good audits, because we put the money where it should be at the end of the fiscal year.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and you do a great job at that.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, any other questions? Okay, let's go on the board. Motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: Fiscal year 2010 adjustments for fund closings and year end closing for financial statements: (1) in the General Fund M&O (a) increase revenues and contingency \$150,000 for a transfer in from the Henderson Golf Course Fund, (b) transfer \$6,500 from Contingency to the County Attorney's office, and (c) transfer \$29,000 from Contingency to HazMat Expenses, (2) amend the Street Paving Fund to appropriate \$15,000 fund balance to transfer to the Special Service District Fund, (3) in the Special Service District Fund (a) increase revenues and reduce fund balance appropriation \$15,000 for transfer from Street Paving Fund, (b) increase revenues and expenditures \$50,000 for restricted court fees, and (c) transfer \$73,530 from contingency to Engineering salaries, (4) in Sales Tax IV Fund (a) transfer \$359,700 from Administrative Expenditures Drainage to Administrative Expenditures Roads, and (b) transfer funds among Various County Roads projects as outlined in the attached schedule; Fiscal Year 2011: (1) in the General Fund M&O (a) increase revenues and expenditures to recognize the roll-forward of 2010 encumbrance balances of \$2,056,974, (b) transfer \$20,000 within the Superior Court Administrator's budget for salaries and benefits, (c) transfer \$21,700 from the Court Expenditures budget to Superior Court Administrator salaries and benefits, (d) increase revenues from Tax Commissioner commissions \$90,283, Contingency \$63,490 and Transfer to CIP \$26,793, (e) transfer \$9,000 from Information and Communications Services (ICS) to Administrative Services, and (f) transfer \$6,000 within the ICS budget for salaries, (2) Special Service District Fund, increase revenues and expenditures to recognize the roll-forward of 2010 encumbrance balances of \$190,172, (3) Confiscated Revenue Fund, increase revenues and expenditures to recognize the roll-forward of 2010 encumbrance balances of \$32,472, (4) in the Capital Improvement Program Fund: (a) transfer \$15,700 from the Road Improvements project to the Guardrail Replacement project and (b) increase revenues and expenditures \$200,000 for the Mosquito Control project, (c) increase revenues and expenditures \$26,793 for the Transfer In from General Fund M&O for the Tax Commissioner's project, (5) increase the Multiple Grant Fund budget \$3,852,559 for grant awards continuing from FY2010, and (6) increase the Greenbriar project in the Sales Tax IV Fund \$102,784 and reduce the Reserve for Nonprofit Organizations by \$102,784. Commissioner Shay seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1
AGENDA DATE: August 27, 2010

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

ISSUE: To request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: Fiscal year 2010 adjustments for fund closings and year end closing for financial statements: (1) in the General Fund M&O (a) increase revenues and contingency \$150,000 for a transfer in from the Henderson Golf Course Fund, (b) transfer \$6,500 from Contingency to the County Attorney's office, and (c) transfer \$29,000 from Contingency to HazMat Expenses, (2) amend the Street Paving Fund to appropriate \$15,000 fund balance to transfer to the Special Service District Fund, (3) in the Special Service District Fund (a) increase revenues and reduce fund balance appropriation \$15,000 for transfer from Street Paving Fund, (b) increase revenues and expenditures \$50,000 for restricted court fees, and (c) transfer \$73,530 from contingency to Engineering salaries, (4) in Sales Tax IV Fund (a) transfer \$359,700 from Administrative Expenditures Drainage to Administrative Expenditures Roads, and (b) transfer funds among Various County Roads projects as outlined in the attached schedule; Fiscal Year 2011: (1) in the General Fund M&O (a) increase revenues and expenditures to recognize the roll-forward of 2010 encumbrance balances of \$2,056,974, (b) transfer \$20,000 within the Superior Court Administrator's budget for salaries and benefits, (c) transfer \$21,700 from the Court Expenditures budget to Superior Court Administrator salaries and benefits, (d) increase revenues from Tax Commissioner commissions \$90,283, Contingency \$63,490 and Transfer to CIP \$26,793, (e) transfer \$9,000 from Information and Communications Services (ICS) to Administrative Services, and (f) transfer \$6,000 within the ICS budget for salaries, (2) Special Service District Fund, increase revenues and expenditures to recognize the roll-forward of 2010 encumbrance balances of \$190,172, (3) Confiscated Revenue Fund, increase revenues and expenditures to recognize the roll-forward of 2010 encumbrance balances of \$32,472, (4) in the Capital Improvement Program Fund: (a) transfer \$15,700 from the Road Improvements project to the Guardrail Replacement project and (b) increase revenues and expenditures \$200,000 for the Mosquito Control project, (c) increase revenues and expenditures \$26,793 for the Transfer In from General Fund M&O for the Tax Commissioner's project, (5) increase the Multiple Grant Fund budget \$3,852,559 for grant awards continuing from FY2010, and (6) increase the Greenbriar project in the Sales Tax IV Fund \$102,784 and reduce the Reserve for Nonprofit Organizations by \$102,784.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Board of Commissioners approved a modification to the County's fiscal fund structure at its meeting held April 23, 2010. This action included closing out the Henderson Golf Fund and the Street Paving Fund as of 06/30/2010. Fiscal year 2010 items 1a, 2, and 3a reflect the budget amendments to accomplish this. Resolutions are attached.
2. Fiscal 2010 expenditures for the County Attorney's office exceeded budget by \$6,500. This was the result of payments in Attorney fees. A \$6,500 transfer from contingency is requested.
3. Chatham County and the City of Savannah share the cost of the Haz Mat team. The invoice for FY2010 exceeds the budgeted amount. A \$29,900 transfer from FY2010 General Fund M&O Contingency is requested.
4. Revenue from surcharges on Recorder's Court fines exceeded budget in fiscal 2010 by \$50,000. These are restricted revenues. A resolution to amend the FY2010 Special Service District budget for the additional revenue is attached.
5. Each year a portion of the Engineer Department's salaries are charged out to the various SPLOST funds from project administration. In prior years these costs have been offset through investment income. Throughout fiscal 2010 investment rates have been at historic lows. This has impacted the fund's ability to absorb the administrative costs. Therefore, it is requested that a portion of the administrative costs be charged to the Engineering Department. A \$73,530 transfer from Special Service District Contingency is requested restore the Engineering department budget. In the Sales Tax IV Fund, a \$359,700 transfer from Administrative Expenses – Drainage to Administrative Expenses – Roads will bring the project budgets in line with actual expenses.
6. In Sales Tax IV, the County engineer has requested transfers among projects in the Various County Roads grouping. These are summarized in the attachment on page nine.
7. A portion of the fund balance in the General Fund M&O, the Confiscated Revenue Fund, and the Special Service District Fund is reserved at year end for purchase orders and contracts that have been issued but not paid. Funds are carried forward to the current fiscal year to cover these open commitments. The FY2011 items 1a, 2, and 3 in the Issue statement amend the current budgets. Resolutions are attached.
8. Superior Court has a long term employee leaving. Terminal pay for accrued leave is not included in the adopted budget. Transfers to cover this expenditure and to accommodate the salary differential for the incoming employee have been requested. \$20,000 will be transferred within the Superior Court Administrator's budget, and \$21,700 will be transferred from the Court Expenditures budget to the Court Administrator's budget. Correspondence is attached.
9. The Tax Commissioner has received commissions from the State of Georgia for tax years 2005 and 2006 in the amount of \$90,283. A budget amendment to recognize the revenue and

appropriate \$63,490 to Contingency, and \$26,793 for a CIP project for the Tax Commissioner's office has been requested. Correspondence and budget resolutions are attached.

10. The Administrative Services department has a need for a temporary employee. The ICS Director has requested a \$9,000 transfer from the ICS budget to Administrative Services to provide funds. A \$6,000 transfer within the ICS budget from operating line items to salaries is also requested. A staff report is attached.
11. The Public Works and Park Services Director has requested a \$15,700 transfer from the Road Improvements project to the Guardrail Replacement project in the Capital Improvement Program Fund. Correspondence is attached.
12. The Capital Improvement Program Fund includes a project budget for the purchase of a helicopter for Mosquito Control Revenue from the sale of the fixed wing aircraft scheduled for replacement is estimated to be a minimum of \$200,000. A resolution to amend the project budget is attached. This action will allow staff to proceed with the procurement process in a timely manner. Correspondence is attached.
13. Chatham County has a number of active grants that cross fiscal years 2010 and 2011. A resolution to amend the Multiple Grant Fund budget for FY2011 and a list of the continuing grants is attached. The amendment totals \$3,852,559.
14. Greenbriar Children's Center, Inc. has requested its final SPLOST distribution. The Internal Auditor has determined that Greenbriar is eligible for an additional \$102,784. Funds will be transferred from the Reserve to Nonprofit Organizations.

FUNDING: Funds are available in the General Fund M&O, Special Service District, Sales Tax IV and Capital Improvement Program budgets for the transfers. The budget amendments will establish funding in the General Fund M&O, Special Service District, Confiscated Revenue, Capital Improvement Program, and Multiple Grant funds.

ALTERNATIVES:

- (1) That the Board approve the following:

GENERAL FUND M&O FY2010

- a) increase revenues and contingency \$150,000 for a transfer in from the Henderson Golf Course Fund,
- b) transfer \$6,500 from Contingency to the County Attorney's office,
- c) transfer \$29,000 from contingency to Haz Mat Expense.

STREET PAVING FUND FY2010

Appropriate \$15,000 fund balance to transfer to the Special Service District Fund.

SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND FY2010

- a) increase revenues and reduce fund balance appropriation \$15,000 for transfer in from Street Paving Fund,
- b) increase revenues and expenditures \$50,000 for restricted court fees,
- c) transfer \$73,530 from contingency to Engineering for administrative salaries not paid by SPLOST IV.

SALES TAX IV FUND 2010

- a) transfer \$359,700 from Administrative Expenditures Drainage to Administrative Expenditures Road.
- b) amend project budgets to reflect transfers Various County Roads projects outlines on the attached schedule on page 9.

GENERAL FUND M&O FY2011

- a) Increase revenues and expenditures to recognize the roll-forward of 2010 encumbrance balances of \$2,056,974.
- b) transfer \$20,000 within the Superior Court Administrator's budget for salaries and benefits,
- c) transfer \$21,700 from the Court Expenditures budget to Superior Court Administrator salaries and benefits.
- d) increase revenues from Tax Commissioner commissions \$90,283, increase Contingency \$63,490 and Transfer to CIP \$26,793,
- e) transfer \$9,000 from the Information and Communications Services (ICS) department budget to Administrative Services to salaries.
- f) transfer \$6,000 within the ICS budget for salaries.

SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND FY2011

- a) increase revenues and expenditures to recognize the roll-forward of 2010 encumbrance balances of \$190,172.

CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND FY2011

Increase revenues and expenditures to recognize the roll-forward of 2009 encumbrance balances of \$32,472.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND FY2011

- a) transfer \$15,700 from the Road Improvement project to the Guardrail Replacement project,
- b) increase revenues and expenditures \$200,000 for the Mosquito Control project,
- c) increase revenues \$26,793 for the Transfer in from General Fund M&O and expenditures \$26,793 for the Tax Commissioner's project.

MULTIPLE GRANT FUND FY2011

- a) Increase revenues and expenditures \$3,852,559 for grant awards continuing from FY2010.

SALES TAX IV FUND 2011

- a) Increase the Greenbriar project \$102,784 and decrease the Reserve for Nonprofit Organizations \$102,784.

(2) Amend or deny the request.

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

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

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2. SHORT PRESENTATION ON THE PLAN FOR A NEW HEALTH DEPARTMENT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

Chairman Liakakis recognized Dr. Douglas Skelton.

Dr. Skelton said, thank you, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission. I understand from the agenda book I have the opportunity to be brief, and I will try not to waste it. First, on behalf of the Board of Health and our members that are here, Commissioner Odell, I expected Dr. Martin and Dr. Hardwick to be here, but I think your efficiency this morning has gone faster than their schedules, but they had planned to be here, as well. I want to thank you for supporting a new Health Department building --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, would it be better, would you rather delay this until a little later, or go ahead?

Dr. Skelton said, no, I'm fine to go ahead. I'll send a message to them that we moved forward. Thank you. We appreciate your support in the 2008-2010 SPLOST for funds to build a new Department of Health in Chatham County. As you well know, revenue has declined some, so we're looking at an \$8.5 million project instead of a \$10 million project. And, again, that is going to depend on cash flow as we get closer to the actual items. I also want to thank the County Staff, especially Pat Monahan, for his assistance working with Randy McCall, our County Administrator, to look at options for where this facility might be placed. We have now concluded that the best option is to place it on the corner of Eisenhower and Sallie Mood where the current Martha B. Fay Public Health Center is now located, and do it in continuity with that building, so that we save some of that building, we demolish some of that building, but it's all attached in one structure. A special thanks to Commissioner Shay. Once it was determined that this was our best option, then I prevailed on him, because he's been involved, and I think I have the years right, somewhere between eight and ten years in looking at the conceptual design for a facility for the Chatham County Health Department, particularly on that site. So he knew the site very well, he knew the current building very well, and knew our needs very well, and I appreciate his willingness to serve us in this way.

This is our Risk Communicator, Sally Silverman, and I introduce her that way, because she's totally federally funded to support emergency preparedness and response and allowed to do other things along with that job, and I want her to put two slides up for you to look at. One is the site plan so that you can see from the 30,000 foot perspective kinda how it's going to look, and the second shows you a more detailed plan. And I'll have to back up just a second. The entrance is moved from Eisenhower to the Sallie Mood side. Those of you who know the problems in having people enter the Health Department from Eisenhower know that we've kept the collision folks in business for years, people trying to get in and out of there. This is a better entrance for us. And then you can see that the building has an atrium in the middle and is divided into pods basically, so that over time, we think people will know whether they're coming into the vital records area or coming into environmental health or coming to administration or coming to clinical, and will ultimately park so that they can enter the building from the areas closest to where they need to be served. And then we're adding 93 parking spaces, as well, which will be helpful as we move forward with the project. The walkways are covered. The heated and cooled space is about 7,500 and then the other aspects of it add up to about 8.5, which may be adjusted up or down, depending on how the cash flow for the SPLOST goes.

Here's the timetable, based on what we hope will happen: to advertise the design-build project, this is a LEED certified project in November, and award the project early in 2011, if the fund flow indicates that that's the proper thing to do and the proper timing for the project. The current building, as you know, is uniquely owned by the Board of Health, as opposed to other facilities in the county that are provided by the County to the Board of Health. This building has been owned by the Board of Health for a long, long time. We're proposing that we work together with the county staff and my staff with some financial and some facilities expertise that we haven't had in the past that's now with us, to see if we can't handle the project direction or oversight piece, but we'll decide that as we move forward. You have several alternatives before you in the staff report, the one recommended being that you support the Board of Health taking the lead, but working with county staff on the necessary particulars to do this correctly, using some of my staff and using some of the county staff to do the job properly. One of my friends said to me recently, you can tell the type of leadership you have in the community by looking at their libraries and their health care facilities, and I think based on

that, people are going to be in Chatham County and say, we've got some great leaders in Chatham County. I appreciate your support for this and we are open to working with you in whichever alternative you feel is most appropriate, and I'll be glad to answer questions.

Chairman Liakakis said, Harris?

Commissioner Odell said, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion to approve Alternative 1, but after -- if I'm kind enough to get a second, I'd like to have brief comments, if I might.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Commissioner Odell said, thank you. I serve on the Board of Health, Board of Directors, and this has been an extensive process, and as a Board member, I really take this opportunity to thank Pat Shay. We could not have done this without Patrick Shay. I mean, Dr. Martin started the process and Pat has been with us every step of the way and, as a Board member, I am so very grateful. We're going to leave the existing facility in play while we construct the new facility. We downgraded it from a projected \$10 million project to -- based on projected revenues -- an 8.5. We will have a unique opportunity to make a decision as to how we utilize the old structure, and that is to say that there are going to be some opportunities that we can partner either with other state organization or the nonprofit organization, so that we have a continuity of services there at that particular location. But so that each one of you Board members will realize, we will make that decision, we being the Commission, upon recommendation from the Chatham County Health Department. We reviewed this proposal with the City through Mayor Johnson. We reviewed this with the Board of Education through Superintendent Lockamy, and I think all -- and I don't choose to speak for anyone, but I've not heard any disagreement with this proposal, and I have attended all of the various meetings, and I really am grateful to all of you who vote for this proposal. And that's Alternative 1.

Chairman Liakakis said, Patrick?

Commissioner Shay said, one quick comment. The project was originally scoped about ten years ago and had a budget at that time of \$10 million in what would have been 2000 year \$2,000. Because of the reduction in the amount that's been collected through SPLOST, the budget has shrunk to \$8.5 million, and that's fiscally responsible, and I think there's a way to achieve that, but we need to move forward quickly in this community to take advantage of the fact that right now, construction prices are also less than what they would be otherwise. If we wait too long, then what we're going to have is less dollars to work with because the collections are already taken and inflated construction dollars to build it, which will put a double whammy on these folks. And, really, the people that are served by this facility are some of the most exposed and vulnerable people in our community. So I think the Health Board has come forward with a good viable concept for moving forward, and I think we should do so as quickly as we can.

Chairman Liakakis said, a prime example of what you're saying, being able to get contractors, the Skidaway Island Bridge, the Diamond Causeway Bridge, was originally put in there somewhere close to \$40 million, and they got a bid for \$22 million for that. And then, of course, we were allotted \$120 million for the Fifth Phase of the Truman Parkway by the Georgia Department of Transportation and they came in at \$67 million. But contractors right now, because of the downturn, need the business, and so they don't put as much profit in there as they have in the past, so this will be ideal, to get this going right now, by saving that kind of money. Now, you mentioned Alternative 1 that you'd like for us to vote on?

Commissioner Odell said, yes, Mr. Chairman, if I could just -- if Pat Shay will not mind -- have the floor back for one moment.

Commissioner Shay said, it's yours.

Commissioner Odell said, Dr. Martin just came in, and it would be a travesty of justice, because she's worked so hard on this program, if she could come up -- she's a shy person, but if she could come up and if Randy McCall could come up, these people really have done a yeoman's job. You know, I really am grateful for their effort. You know, so often, government gets criticized for a variety of reasons, but we need to take the opportunity when something is done well to say that it's done well, and you all have done an excellent job, and as a public servant -- when I think of public servant, I think more than just police public service; I think of community health public service, also. And you all have added to the quality of health care, not only to the poor people, but if we don't stop the spread of some of the infectious disease, it will affect all people and, as a Commissioner, I take this opportunity to thank you for your efforts. And if either one of you have any comments, --

Dr. Martin said, thank you for the opportunity to work with each and every one of you. I think that the process has been democratic -- small d -- and we are very happy to be a part of that process. Because of your leadership and the opportunity to serve, is why we're here. Thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, good job.

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah, I'd commend everyone for what they're doing, and I'd like to reiterate what some of the other Commissioners said. The more quickly we can get these local sales tax dollars to work in our community, the better. The construction industry is probably at an all-time low in this area and around the country, so the sooner we can get these construction projects up and going, not only this one, but we have others, the better, and I'm all for that, and I'm ready to get going on it.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I trust, being good steward of the tax dollars, that this new building, because Commissioner Shay has been involved, will be very efficient as far as heating, cooling, and being as green as it can possibly be.

Dr. Skelton said, I think we can assure you of that. The other thing I think – I think there's a lot of effort gone into the patient flow, or the client flow, and how people get served – get served efficiently, so I think you're going to be very proud of this facility. It'll be a facility that will enhance the county.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, Dean?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, you always do a great job and you're continuing to do a great job, and I'll call for the question.

Commissioner Odell said, hold on, did Dr. Thomas have something?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, oh, did you have something? I'm sorry. Go ahead. I'll take it back.

Commissioner Thomas said, that's okay. I just want to also commend Staff for the wonderful work that you have done. It's been a long journey, but a lot of work, a lot of work that has gone into this process, so I just wanted you to know that it is not going unnoticed, and we just thank you so much for everything that you have done over the years.

Dr. Skelton said, you notice me pulling my jacket back when you were talking, so you could see the Public Health logo? I need to have the County logo, too, because Mr. Abolt's staff has been wonderful working with us on this project.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you sincerely, and I will call for the question.

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

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, yes.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, this is a very, I think, appropriate time to mention to you how much not only I want to say thank you, but to recognize in the words of Reverend Mitchell just a few moments ago about serving the citizens. What this Board has done and what your predecessors have done is create what I would say, probably with no reservation, the largest government campus around. Certainly in the State of Georgia. And travel with me in your mind. Start on Waters Avenue and begin traveling down Eisenhower and Montgomery Crossroads as far as Truman Parkway. You have the Citizens Service Center, along with DMV, Tag Office, Voter Registration, Board of Equalization, Purchasing, then you come up on a recycling center. We're going to have this beautiful Health Department. Behind it, of course, we have a fantastic Animal Control Center. You have an Aquatic Center, you have a soccer complex, a weightlifting center, Memorial Stadium. You're going to be building a brand new Public Works & Park complex. You have Lake Mayer, which will continually be improved, and all of this is relatively located in the center of the population of Chatham County, accessible by two easy on and off exits on the Truman Parkway. And, really, you're to be commended for it. I also want to recognize one gentleman, Jim Golden. Jim Golden, many, many years ago, had a dream at Lake Mayer, and he saw the acquisition of what we could do. And then it's people like George Lynch, who made the acquisition of the Citizens Service Center possible. But when all the dust settles, when all this is over, Ladies and Gentlemen, you have a major campus of government services that I submit is like no other, certainly in the State of Georgia.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, motion passes. Thank you, Doctor.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell made a motion to approve Alternative 1 of the Board of Health Report, that the Board of Commissioners concur in the plan per the Board of Health's recommendation to construct the new project on the same site, utilize a design-build plan to fast-track completion by Summer 2012, and follow the general timetable for advertising and award of bids. The Board of Health would award and manage all contracts, but with the assistance of Chatham County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kicklighter and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2
AGENDA DATE: August 27, 2010

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. ABolt, County Manager

FROM: W. Douglas Skelton, M.D., Coastal Health District Health Director
Randy McCall, Chatham County Health Department Administrator

ISSUE:

To present the plan for a new Health Department as recommended by the Chatham County Board of Health.

BACKGROUND:

Based on a needs assessment by the Board of Health, the County Commissioner included \$10 million in the 2008--2014 SPLOST project list for a new health department. The needs assessment determined a building of 50,000 square feet would be needed, which included some 30,000 square feet of clinical space and 20,000 square feet of other service areas. In 2010, the Board of Health updated the needs

assessment to confirm space requirements and program. The increased space not only meets current and future requirements but also helps replace 1960s structure on Eisenhower Drive with a customer-friendly building and relocates services from rental space to help offset operating expenses.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. Based on a site review, staff at the Health department and county staff considered several options (i.e. available medical facilities, conversion of available shopping center space, VA Clinic, vacant land). Based on criteria of space needs, location and budget, a consensus pointed to the best option as the existing site on Eisenhower Drive. A Master Plan (see Attachment 1) shows the footprint of a new building of 50,000 square feet, which would enable continued use of the existing building.
2. Because of continued funding reductions at the state level, the project should assume a fast-track. By use of a design-build program, assuming SPLOST funds will be available in early 2011, the new Chatham County Health Department could be open by summer-2012. A building of 50,000 square feet will allow the Health department to consolidate services now provided in leased space, which would help reduce operating costs, beside the obvious advantages of a new building with more customer-friendly features and energy-efficient improvements in mind.
 - 2.1 The project will be required to attain at least a LEED-NC Gold Certification.
3. The Board of Health would begin advertising the design-build project in November 2010 with a pre-qualification process which emphasizes experience, qualifications, local subcontractors and local employment. The Board of Health would award the project in early 2011, but this date would be dependent upon cash flow for the 2008-2014 SPLOST. Chatham County staff in the Purchasing Office and in Special Projects would assist in advertising the project and assist, as needed, to manage construction.
 - 3.1 A commissioning document for design-build will provide general specification, which indicate a framework for the quality of design and construction and consistency with LEED standards.
 - 3.2 County staff's previous experience with design-build projects on the Aquatic Center renovation, Mighty 8th Air Force and Adolescent Center will help guide the Board of Health on a quality project which remains within budget, on time and consistent with Chatham County's goals on local and minority participation in contracts and employment.
4. Because of the decline in SPLOST revenues, the budget of \$10 million would be reduced to \$8.5 million. Should sales tax revenues happen to recover to original projections, the funding would be used later for additional furniture, fixtures and equipment and apply to renovation/demolition of the existing building.

FUNDING:

2008-2014 SPLOST/Health Center

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board of Commissioners concur in the plan per the Board of Health's recommendation to construct the new project on the same site, utilize a design-build plan to fast-track completion by summer-2012 and follow the general timetable outlined above for advertising and award of bids. To confirm, the Board of Health would award and manage all contracts but with the assistance of Chatham County.
2. That the Board of Commissioners concur in the plan except that Chatham County would award and manage all contracts for this project.
3. That the Board of Commissioners take other action as may be appropriate.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Georgia law requires that capital projects approved by voters in a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax referendum must be completed in accordance with a budget and resolution adopted prior to the vote and consistent with the notice provided to voters. The question before the Board of Commissioners relates not to the legality of the project but the method of delivery of construction consistent to meet the Board of Health's pressing needs and improving services to the citizens which the Board of Health and Chatham County serve.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

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3. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM WARREN J. BLACKMON FOR THE COUNTY TO DECLARE AN UN-OPENED PORTION OF EAST BOULEVARD RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW), ADJACENT TO HIS PROPERTY AS SURPLUS AND TO QUITCLAIM THE ROW. [DISTRICT 4.]

Chairman Liakakis said, Russ?

County Manager Abolt said, this will rely upon testimony of Mr. Blackmon or his representative, sir. We came forward at his request.

Chairman Liakakis said, Mr. Blackmon, do you want to come forth?

Mr. Blackmon said, my name is Warren Blackmon. I live at 44 Oglethorpe Avenue, Athens. I own Lot 93-A on the south side at East Boulevard, Wilmington Island. The Commissioners have delivered quitclaim deeds for portions of East Boulevard adjoining the property of each landowner except me. I'm asking you to treat me the same as your neighbors, and I'm handing the Clerk a copy of a letter raising the constitutional objection to the way I have been excluded from the process, also handing a copy to the attorney. A little bit of history on this property. This was foreclosed on Mr. Evans by the County in 1986. Then Katherine Cobb bought the property at the tax sale. Then I bought it at the tax sale. And I understand you can request adjoining abutting property to be deeded to you if you buy a piece of property at the county legal tax sale, and I'm just asking to be treated the same way everybody else has. And I've asked Bert Barrett, the county surveyor, to come and explain the piece of the property along East Boulevard that has already been approved by the county with deeds. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, the County Surveyor, do you want to come forth?

Bert Barrett said, I'm here to answer any questions that you may have. I worked on just about every piece of property on East Boulevard. Mr. Blackmon is absolutely correct, that numerous properties have been quitclaimed to adjacent owners except for Mr. Blackmon. There are two or three other properties left that folks have not requested that portions of East Boulevard be deeded to them. Not being exactly accurate, but I will tell you that probably 90% to 95% of East Boulevard has been deeded to adjacent owners, and in some cases, there is no access on East Boulevard at all.

Chairman Liakakis said, let me ask you now, that's a right-of-way that the people, the homeowners live, use that. Correct?

Mr. Barrett said, right.

Chairman Liakakis said, well, then, if we deed that to Mr. Blackmon, that means that he can close that off?

Mr. Barrett said, let me -- does this work here?

Chairman Liakakis said, well, I want to ask the County Attorney that question, because this is a legal question, too. I was asking you, but also the County Attorney, because the people have been using that for the right-of-way to get back and forth to their property, and that's really important, so all of the Commissioners understand that. Mr. Hart?

County Attorney Jonathan Hart said, sure. As you know, this has been a subject previously before the Board and the request had been turned down at that time. If, in fact, you sold the whole lot, the whole right-of-way, yeah, he could close that off. It's my understanding that the petitioner is suggesting a 20-foot easement through portions of that property. Traditionally when we have sold right-of-ways, especially on unopened boulevards such as this, it's done without the objection of the neighbors, number one. And, number two, if there is an objection, and we still decide that we're going to try to sell portions of that right-of-way, we never sell more than half the right-of-way to any of the contiguous landowners. As shown on Page 3, the whole -- you can see the shaded, hatched area on the map prepared by Staff, you're being requested to give up more than half the right-of-way to Mr. Blackmon, and that's over the objection of one of the contiguous property owners. So if you --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, my Page 3 is not shaded, for some reason.

Commissioner Odell said, it's the striped area.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I thought that was like a small parcel --

County Attorney Hart said, it looks that way. I apologize. So yeah, if you sell the whole thing, he can close it off. Currently, there is a passage-way through that portion of the property that's not improved, but you can obviously go out there and tell where it's at. It's been there for a long time. So really, it's up to the Board to decide whether they're going to do this or not.

Chairman Liakakis said, and the reason why we're saying that is because a number of the residents out there spoke to me on the phone yesterday and they were concerned about that. They were concerned about the County awarding it, but, more so, too, about the right-of-way, you know, being taken away from them. Okay, would any -- Harris Odell and then you, Dean.

Commissioner Odell said, I guess the central issue is whether or not we are treating one person different, for whatever reason, than we're treating everyone else on that boulevard. And to that, your answer is, we're not?

County Attorney Hart said, no, sir, I don't think we are, insofar as the other people that we generally granted right-of-ways to. There hadn't been an objection for that by the surrounding property owners and we -- and if there has been, you know, two property owners where the right-of-way runs through and the other property owner expresses an interest in it, we will only convey half the right-of-way up to the center line of the right-of-way.

Commissioner Odell said, okay, and two just short questions. One is, would this be a quitclaim for value or a -- I'm of the impression that we have -- we cannot give something of value as a matter of constitutional law, and is this a quitclaim for value?

County Attorney Hart said, yes, sir, you're absolutely correct. As you know, and so well pointed out, the gratuities clause does not permit us to give away property to private citizens. However, if we deem -- i.e., the body -- the Board, with engineering approval, decides that this is surplus property, we don't need it, it serves no other public function, serves no other people, then we can, in fact, sell it to somebody, but we would have to sell it for the appraised value,

and, you know, obviously, what is the value of 40 feet of a 60 foot right-of-way for 60, 80 feet? You know, that becomes the subject of whatever you can get in an appraisal. But, yes, sir, we would require payment for that.

Commissioner Odell said, and the third question is, that this property that has to be sold, there is not a projected future use that the county would need, either for maintenance or something, cables, or anything else.

County Hart said, not that I know of right now.

Commissioner Odell said, and I guess lastly, and in summary, we do not want to sell for whatever value the entire portion being requested. Is that true?

County Attorney Hart said, yes, sir. I would say that if you've got a path going through that portion of the property, that you absolutely, at a minimum, we've got to preserve some sort of easement in there, because it's very clear that it's being used by other people, and the proposal here is to move it off the given path to a 20-foot access easement, I would assume, based on what's being asked for. That's why you don't have that whole area shaded in. But what you're doing is, you're moving that path and you're setting a precedent of giving more than half the right-of-way to a party over the objection of the surrounding property owners.

Commissioner Odell said, you've answered my question. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, Dean?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. Four quick questions. Does Mr. Blackmon actually live on this property?

Mr. Barrett said, no, he does not.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay, what's -- what does he want -- why does he actually want that land?

Mr. Barrett said, Mr. Blackmon, like a lot of folks from Athens, Augusta, Statesboro, has a love for Savannah. He likes to come down here. He comes here three, four, five, six times a year.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, what does he want to use the lot for, though, the additional land?

Mr. Barrett said, he wants to use it for access to water.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay, is there people out in the audience opposing this request?

Chairman Liakakis said, yes, I was going to call on them.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, does the audience members that oppose it, do you still oppose it if he left a 20-foot right-of-way wherever the road currently is, if we did it -- left it right wherever it is?

County Attorney Hart said, I'd like to correct something. I misspoke a minute ago, talking about the easement. Actually, what we're going to do -- Engineering just pointed this out -- it's not going to be an easement. We will still own that 20 feet of right-of-way, because it is a right-of-way. So it's not going to be an easement; he's just buying two-thirds of the right-of-way, leaving the other 20 feet as one-third open.

Chairman Liakakis said, I'm going to be calling, Dean, people in the audience to come forth that live in that area.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, all right, and then we can ask if they oppose, with that right-of-way left intact.

Mr. Barrett said, can I clarify something here?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes.

Mr. Barrett said, East Boulevard, between Stone and Lang Street, is completely closed. There's no access. This property lies between Lang and Kessell. The adjacent owner, Mr. Lee, who I did a survey for, who got all of the right-of-way, we left a 20-foot perpetual ingress and egress easement. Mr. Blackmon is not asking to go into the existing traveled way, so it's not that he's asking for the whole right-of-way. At no point could he ever close that off. He's asking to go up to the road, like all the ones that I've done between Lane and Kessell. East Boulevard is totally closed off between Cohen and South, okay?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so he just wants to go up to the road.

Mr. Barrett said, he just wants to go up to the road just like everybody else. Now, the folks to the east or north of him, the county has quitclaimed to them all -- or a majority of the right-of-way where this travel way is included in that. Now, that was -- that was an assumption that these folks would not close that road off. I won't go into that, but that's -- Mr. Blackmon is not asking to go beyond the existing travel way.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, thank you very much. Now, we have people -- will you stand up, the people in the audience that would like to speak this morning? Do we have a spokesman? All right, would you come forth, please? And some of the other homeowners in there, would you raise your hand, please? Okay, thank you. Yes, sir. Identify yourself, please.

Greg Evans said, I am an owner of Lots 91, 92, and 93, as well as 91-A, 92-A, and 97-A. I am here to object to this request. It is a very complex legal issue. Ms. Cooler, the County Engineer, has indicated that she has two letters of objection and one verbal, but she is now aware, and I'm ready to deliver to her, four additional letters of objection.

These letters are from adjacent property owners or very close-by property owners, so any letters of support would have come from a person not affected by the decision of this Commission. No nearby neighbors are in support of this. There is strong objection among the nine families represented in these six letters, which I am going to present to Ms. Cooler. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and Ladies and Gentlemen.

Mr. Barrett said, Mr. Chairman --

Chairman Liakakis said, hold on just a minute. Dean.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I think possibly we heard a new request this morning, because I believe the attorney was under the impression they wanted to take in all of the land, but now we're hearing up to the road like other property owners. Do you all still object if that's the case?

Mr. Hart said, well, the up to the road property owners, when we conveyed the whole right-of-way, has been a situation in which the property owner making the request owns both sides of the road.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah, I'm saying if their request is actually up to the road and not going over the road, do you all object to that, if it's not going on both sides or whatever?

Mr. Evans said, yes, we still object because as the County Attorney says, whenever that has been granted, it is from -- it is when the requestor owns property on both sides of the right-of-way. For instance, 91, 91-A, 92 and 92-A. Mr. Blackmon --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, when what has been allowed? To get both sides of the road?

Mr. Hart said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay, my question is, if this gentleman scales it back to only request his side of the road, do you all oppose that, is what I'm asking.

Mr. Evans said, in a word, yes. It's a very complex legal issue.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, can I ask why? I mean, did others -- did you all get -- did anybody oppose the annex up to the road? I mean, not annex, but take the land in up to the road?

Mr. Evans said, not that I'm aware of, not recently.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I mean, ever? In other words, is there anybody here that's opposing this that ever got land up to the road themselves?

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Commissioner Farrell said, Susan, do you want to come up?

Chairman Liakakis said, let her come up. Stay right here, please, sir, Mr. Evans. Yes?

Suzanne Cooler said, I just want to clarify. The request, even the original request, was always the same, to leave the -- to go up to the existing traveled way and leave that portion unacquired by Mr. Blackmon. That has always been his request. When we sent notification to adjacent property owners, that was his request. So they all know -- so the objections, therefore, are to his request to go up to the existing travel way.

County Attorney Hart said, and if you go up to the travel way, you will be on the mid-point of the road. In other words, you'll be more than one-half the right-of-way.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay, that's what I'm, I guess, I'm asking, is this road or this or that -- what about to the point where people use it, if he stops there?

County Attorney Hart said, that would be approximately what you see on your map.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, because I'm saying stop wherever the people use it, before you get to that. Would you all object to that?

Mr. Evans said, I think the consensus would be yes. It's a very complex legal issue, as the County Attorney has indicated, and the answer is yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well, you're -- we've got a good attorney to work out our complex legal issues for the county.

County Attorney Hart said, it's not complex to me. It comes down to this. We have traditionally, when people have come in and asked for an unopened right-of-way that we have no use for, if there are no objections, give them the right-of-way for value.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, whose district is this under?

Mr. Hart continued, if there is objections, then a lot of times, we don't do that. Additionally, if there's objection from a contiguous property owner, we have never given a person more than half of the existing right-of-way. This request is for two-thirds of that right-of-way, which is more than half. So that's the issue for you guys.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well, I will follow the district representative for this and follow his lead.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, thank you all.

Commissioner Odell said, if no one will make a motion, I'll make a motion.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, any other questions? Any other questions right now? We need a motion on the floor to approve any of these particular information that was given to us, alternatives by our county staff and our legal department.

Commissioner Odell said, I'll make a motion not to approve this request.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, I have a motion on the floor not to approve the request. Any discussion? All right, let's go on the board. Motion denied.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved that the Board deny the request from Warren J. Blackmon for the County to declare an unopened portion of East Boulevard right-of-way adjacent to his property as surplus and to quitclaim the right-of-way. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farrell and it carried unanimously. [Commissioner Gellatly was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3
AGENDA DATE: August 27, 2010

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Leon Davenport, P.E., Assistant County Engineer

ISSUE: To present to the Board a request from Warren J. Blackmon for the County to declare an unopened portion of East Boulevard Right-of-way (ROW), adjacent to his property as surplus and to quitclaim the ROW. Mr. Blackmon's property is Marsh Lot 93A, Wilmington Island Pleasure and Improvement Company Subdivision (PIN: 1-0099-11-012).

BACKGROUND: This section of East Boulevard is not maintained by Chatham County, and is considered un-opened. Notice was sent to all potentially affected property owners that this request would be considered today.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. The location of the request is shown on the attached map. Mr. Blackmon requests a quitclaim of 0.06 acres of the adjacent ROW. He proposes to leave a 20' wide strip of ROW to accommodate the existing dirt travel way.
2. Mr. Blackmon made the same request on February 24, 2006. The Board denied his original request due to neighbor opposition.
3. Objections to Mr. Blackmon's request were raised by neighbors, Lisa Murdock, Gregory Evans (see attached letters) and Darrel Lee, based on Mr. Blackmon's property being mostly marsh. The high ground portion of Mr. Blackmon's property is roughly estimated at a little over 400 square feet. The minimum lot size for new home construction in this area (w/ individual wells and septic tanks) is 30,000 square feet.
4. Staff discussed the possibility of Mr. Blackmon to obtain a building permit on the quitclaimed portion of ROW with Chatham County's Zoning Administrator. The Zoning Administrator stated that a building permit would not be issued because Mr. Blackmon would not have clear title to the property. Also, even with the addition of 2,762 square feet (as requested) to the 400 square feet high ground, the lot will not meet the minimum standards for new home construction.
5. Staff has checked for possible County use for this ROW. There is no need identified to retain the ROW for future road or drainage construction.
6. The petitioner and adjacent property owners were notified on August 20th by certified mail of the quitclaim request and advised as to the date and time of this meeting. The petitioner and adjacent property owners were also notified telephonically.
7. If approved, the petitioner must pay the County the fair market value for the ROW to be determined by a professional appraisal, and provide the necessary appraisal, deed, and plat at his expense. The appraiser is selected by the petitioner and must be certified as a professional appraiser by the State of Georgia.

8. Staff reviews the submitted appraisal, deed and plat for completeness and reasonableness before the deed is sent to the County Clerk for processing and the fair market value payment check is sent to Finance for deposit.

FUNDING: N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Declare un-opened portion of East Boulevard Right-of-way (ROW), adjacent to parcel Lot 93A, Wilmington Island Pleasure and Improvement Company Subdivision, PIN: 1-0099-11-012 for Warren J. Blackmon as surplus and to quitclaim the ROW as described in Facts & Findings #1. The petitioner must pay the County the fair market value for the ROW to be determined by a professional appraiser, and provide the necessary appraisal, deed, and plat at his expense.
2. Do not approve the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The Board must declare County property surplus and approve all quitclaim actions.

RECOMMENDATIONS: For Board consideration.

District 4

Prepared by Suzanne Cooler, P.E.

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4. REQUEST BOARD CONSIDERATION TO SUPPORT THE TRANSFER OF THE COUNTY FUNDED AFTER HOURS POSITIONS IN THE CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE DIVISION OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES TO A DAY TIME WORK SCHEDULE.

Chairman Liakakis said, Mr. Manager?

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, this is a matter that the Board discussed last in December of 2006. At that time, members of DFACS came forward and made a case as to the availability of Staff to respond to issues involving children at non-standard hours of the day and night, and the Board -- I think it was a split vote -- agreed to provide funding so that that capacity would be there after five in the evening. And now, you'll be hearing information, as I understand it, because of state budget cuts, that the preference would be to, in effect, use those resources for the traditional eight-to-five type services, but you need justification from DFACS.

Commissioner Odell said, may I just ask, I think we have all gotten a Staff Report, I just want to ask a couple of questions, if I might. We're talking about transferring two positions. Is that correct?

Mr. Stanley Walthour said, right, no additional.

Commissioner Odell said, no additional. And the reason we're doing that is that the State of Georgia has cut, since '02, between 22 and 26% of the gross budget for that service. Is that true?

Mr. Walthour said, that's correct.

Chairman Liakakis said, identify yourself for the record.

Mr. Walthour said, I am Stanley Walthour, and I'm the Interim Director at Chatham County DFACS.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, let me ask you a question, also. At night-time, when they had these positions open, when there was a problem family, you know, a children situation, they handled that, because it was like an emergency if it came in at two, three o'clock in the morning. Is that correct?

Mr. Walthour said, correct.

Chairman Liakakis said, and so what will happen now, that if we transfer these back to the different time elements, to the day-time elements, how will it be handled for emergencies for children at night time like this?

Mr. Walthour said, we've got it covered. I promise you that.

Chairman Liakakis said, I can't hear you.

Mr. Walthour said, we've got it covered. I promise you that. We have an after-hours, on-call rotation system, where all of our social services case managers are included on that after-hours rotation system. They serve about a week at a time and they're available for any after-hours calls that come in. Our local law enforcement agencies have the actual number to call at night. Our workers have the phones with them. Our managers have phones with them. It's been working extremely well for us, so we've got the night-time covered. It's just that with the decrease in staff, like Mr. Odell has indicated, we're struggling tremendously in the day to get services out to our most vulnerable clients, which are our children. And certainly, we're trying to use the positions in the best way possible and get the best bang for the county's buck.

Chairman Liakakis said, oh, no, we appreciate that very much, because we understand about the State reducing the funding to your organization. But the main thing is now, you've got it to the Metro Police Department, and I suggest if you haven't already done that, call the other six cities and advise them, if you've already done that, because that's really important in addition to the Metro Police Department.

Mr. Walthour said, yes, sir, everybody is included.

Commissioner Odell said, I'll make a motion to approve.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, I have a motion on the floor and a second to approve.

Commissioner Odell said, let me just say one thing before we vote, and that is, I read your proposal and I really appreciate it, and, you know, the problems are not ending. We still have a large number of children who are in dire needs, and our biggest problem is that we don't have enough staff or funding, period. We're devastated on days. This will help some on the days. We're trying to do a makeshift for the after-hours program, but we realize that it's a makeshift, based upon limited funding, that it's not the desired program that we would have if funding was not an issue. So everyone understands, this is not a desired what-we-want-to-do, this is what we've got to do based on the limited money. And part of that has been due to the fact that we've had a dramatic cut from the State.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, yes?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I just want to state, basically follow up on what Commissioner Odell said, that I know your office is already under-funded from the State right off the bat. My wife's a principal at one of those schools, and I know that you're probably going to receive much more reports now, because there's people that, you know, are there that care for these children, and they'll call and contact you, and I know that even in the past, that the restraints that you've had as far as financial restraints, not being able to hire more, you know, people for the positions, has pretty much slowed from what I know you would like -- you know, the response that you would like to be able to have. But, yeah, this is essential right now, because they're already understaffed, and the State of Georgia has done no -- not one child a favor by reducing the monies more. They actually, if they had their priorities straight, would cut some other expenses and make this one of their top priorities, but, unfortunately, they're not seeing that way. Thank you all for the work you do.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right, let's go on the board. Motion passes. Thank you very much.

Mr. Walthour said, thank you so much, and allow me to say this real quickly. We really appreciate everything that the Board has done for us. You all have supported DFACS tremendously, and certainly, it has not gone unnoticed. We really appreciate it. And I must put in this little plug at this point, if you will allow me to. It's good to see Ms. Thomas. She was my elementary school teacher -- I mean, principal -- excuse me, at Bartow Elementary School. So it's so good to see her and she looks so well. But thank you so much.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved that the Board support the transfer of the County funded after hours positions in the Child Protective Service Division of the Chatham County Department of Family and Children Services to a day time work schedule. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas and it carried unanimously. [Commissioner Gellatly was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-4
AGENDA DATE: August 27, 2010

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

ISSUE: Board consideration to support the transfer of the County funded after hours positions in the Child Protective Service Division of the Chatham County Department of Family and Children Services to a day time work schedule.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Board of Commissioners approved the creation of an after hours unit in the Child Protective Service Division of the Chatham County Department of Family and Children Services (DFACS) at their December 15, 2006 meeting. The adopted FY2011 DFACS budget includes funding in the amount of \$97,098 for this program.
2. The Interim Director has submitted a request to transfer the two positions to an 8 A.M. – 5 P.M. schedule. Copies of the prior Board action and correspondence from the Interim DFACS Director are attached.

FUNDING: Funds are appropriated in the adopted FY2011 budget for the Department of Family and Children Services.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) That the Board approve the request from DFACS.
- 2) That the Board amend or deny the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The request is a change in the method of service delivery.

RECOMMENDATION: For Board consideration.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

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5. REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SEND A LETTER TO THE SPECIAL COUNCIL ON TAX REFORM AND FAIRNESS REGARDING EQUITY IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF FRANCHISE FEES.

Chairman Liakakis said, one thing, as you know, it has been set up by the State now to have this Special Council on Tax Reform and Fairness, and they will be coming to the Savannah area, also, but we'd like a motion on the floor for this.

Commissioner Odell said, move for approval.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved that the Board authorize the Chairman to send a letter to the Special Council on Tax Reform and Fairness regarding equity in the distribution of franchise fees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farrell and it carried unanimously. [Commissioners Gellatly and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-5
AGENDA DATE: August 27, 2010

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Lee Hughes, Legislative Liaison

ISSUE:

Current laws regarding the collection and distribution of utility franchise fees result in an inequity that costs the County millions of dollars a year that should be available in the SSD budget.

BACKGROUND:

In the 2010 legislative session a bill was passed and signed by the Governor that created the Special Council on Tax Reform and Fairness. That Council is charged with reviewing the tax code of Georgia and developing recommendations for the legislature. The Council began meeting in July and will meet throughout the month of August in several locations, including Savannah.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. There are 5 other counties that suffer from the same inequity.
2. All counties should be supportive of legislative correction to this problem because it allows for fair funding of SSDs that could be created in the future.
3. ACCG should be supportive of our efforts in this matter.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve of the Chairman sending a letter to the Council and to be posted on their website, and approve of the County preparing remarks similar to the letter to be delivered by the County's designated spokesman at the August 31 hearing.
2. Do not approve a letter, but do approve of a spokesman speaking at the Council hearing.
3. Do not approve of a spokesman, but approve a letter from the Chairman.
4. Do not approve any action in this matter at this time.

FUNDING: No funding required.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The Board and staff are in agreement that the current law should be changed to address this inequity.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board authorize the Chairman to send a letter to the Special Council and that the Board designate a spokesman for the County in the upcoming hearing to be held in Savannah August 31.

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6. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF A ~~\$600~~ \$660 WATER AND SEWER ADJUSTMENT FROM MR. JOE DONNIE MORGAN AT 12 AVENUE OF PINES.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, this is one of those unusual, not very frequent situations in which there's a question as to the consumption and the water service and the bills sent out. There's a long history on this and with Staff working with the client, Mr. Morgan, in trying to sort out why the aberration in the additional charge for water service. County Staff is not in the position to forgive. Mr. Morgan was given the opportunity. Hopefully, he's in the audience to come forward and present his case. It would be your discretion to grant the waiver of the \$660 if that were your choice, I would ask as you did about a year and a half ago, that the customer would be told that this is one time and one time only. But again, it's dependent upon him, and I hope he's in the audience to make his case. Absent that, I don't see how you can – I can't provide documentation.

Chairman Liakakis said, Mr. Morgan, would you come forth, please, sir?

Commissioner Odell said, which district is this?

Commissioner Stone said, mine.

Mr. Joe Morgan said, I have water and sewer service through Chatham County water and sewer at my home, which is located at 12 Avenue of Pines. In September of 2009, I received an invoice for \$898. This amount is more than four to five times greater than my average bill. Upon receipt of the bill, I contacted a supervisor, Roger De, with water and sewer, and discussed the inaccuracy with him. The supervisor asked if we had experienced any water leaks, and I explained that we had not. We do have an irrigation system at the house, which remained off during the year due to the amount of rain that we experienced. Roger requested that the meter be tested for accuracy. The meter was tested and nothing was found to be wrong. The technician conducting the testing did say that there were times where there have been significant fluctuations within meters that he was not able to explain. I'm requesting that the invoice be adjusted to reflect what the normal average billing would be for this property. There is obviously a problem with the meter. I don't think our household could possibly use \$900 worth of water in a billing period. I manage a hotel in Downtown Savannah and the water and sewer bill is usually not much more than this. I also have a neighbor, Paul Byer, who lives across the street, who had a \$1500 water bill approximately four months ago.

Chairman Liakakis said, Harris?

Commissioner Odell said, I've read the staff report. Mr. Morgan, I said either you have opened a river on your property or there's a problem with this. I mean, because your bill, looking at the average, this was three or four times the average.

Mr. Morgan said, right.

Commissioner Odell said, and unless you opened the river, your own private splash party, it just did not compute for me. Although this is not my district, I don't think we've had problems, taxpayers should be given the benefit of the doubt as far as I'm concerned. It just looks out of place. I am going to recommend that we adjust the bill, the \$660, and that is not to say he does not pay anything. This is eliminating the excess, and it's a one-time deal. I'd recommend that we do that, but I'll yield -- if I could get a second from --

Commissioner Stone said, I'll second that and agree with that. Just to monitor your water use closely and know that this is a one-time deal. If anything starts to look out of whack, let us know immediately. That's the best advice that I can give you as your Commissioner. But certainly, if something is abnormal, we need to address it.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right, we have a second. Let's go on the board. Motion passes.

Commissioner Odell said, that wasn't too painful, was it, Mr. Morgan?

Mr. Morgan said, no, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, thank you, sir.

Mr. Morgan said, thank you. Have a great weekend.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved that the Board approve the \$660 water and sewer adjustment from Mr. Joe Donnie Morgan at 12 Avenue of Pines. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stone and it carried unanimously. [Commissioners Gellatly and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA DATE: August 27, 2010

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

ISSUE:

Board consideration of a \$660 water & sewer adjustment for Mr. Joe Donnie Morgan at 12 Avenue of Pines.

BACKGROUND:

Only the Board of Commissioners has the authority to approve an adjustment.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Customer Name and address: Mr. Joe Donnie Morgan, 12 Avenue of Pines, Savannah, GA 31406.
2. The meter reading taken on September 10, 2009 indicated that 200 units had been used since the previous reading on July 17, 2009. This address appeared on the High Reads Exception Report when the billing was being prepared. A re-reading was requested on October 6, 2009. The re-reading came back slightly higher, indicating that the original reading was correct.
3. A water & sewer bill in the amount of \$898.00 was generated and mailed to Mr. Morgan.
4. Mr. Morgan called on October 21, 2009. He expressed concern about his high bill. A meter accuracy test was conducted October 22, 2009, which indicated the meter was reading correctly.
5. Finance Water & Sewer notified Mr. Morgan of the test results on October 23, 2009. Mr. Morgan still believed the high reading was not his fault. The Supervisor of Public Works Water & Sewer contacted Mr. Morgan on October 23, 2009.
6. Because of the unusual consumption from the September 2009 reading, Finance and Public Works did not move to cut off Mr. Morgan's water hoping to resolve the issue. However, no facts have emerged to support Mr. Morgan's position.
7. Mr. Morgan sent a letter to the Clerk of Commission petitioning for an adjustment. His original letter is dated November 1, 2009. It apparently never arrived and was resubmitted and was received in the County Manager's Office on February 2, 2010.
8. On April 15, 2010 Finance Water & Sewer staff wrote to Mr. Morgan reminding him that the County had not adjusted his bill. The letter explained that he would be subject to cut-off but he could set up a payment plan if necessary.
9. On May 5, 2010 Mr. Morgan contacted Finance Water & Sewer staff. He indicated his lawyer was preparing a letter for him. During this conversation, he requested a payment plan. The terms established were to pay the current bill plus \$100.00 per month. Mr. Morgan has paid \$650.00 under the established payment plan.
10. On August 16, 2010 Mr. Morgan called Finance Water & Sewer staff and indicated he would like to have the issue discussed on the August 27, 2010 Agenda.
11. A review of Mr. Morgan's consumption history suggests that a typical reading for the period from mid-July to mid-September might have been 50 units based on his overall history since early 2007. His overall average (excluding that high reading of 200) over time is 37 units, ranging as follows: Dec-Jan: 16 units, Feb-Mar: 21 units, Apr-May: 50 units, Jun-Jul: 50 units, Aug-Sep: 50 units, and Oct-Nov: 33 units. Substituting 50 units instead of 200 units, Mr. Morgan's bill would have been \$238.00 instead of \$898.00. The difference is \$660.00.

FUNDING:

Not applicable.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Again, only the Board of Commissioners has the authority to approve such an adjustment request.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board of Commissioners approves the write-off of \$660.00. The new amount due for the bill dated October 15, 2009 would be \$238.00.
2. That the Board of Commissioners denies or amends the request.

RECOMMENDATION:

For Board consideration.

Prepared by: Roger Deschenes

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7. CNT MONTHLY REPORT GIVEN VERBALLY BY DIRECTOR HARRIS.

Chairman Liakakis said, I think he is working on something and so that monthly report by Roy, he's not here.

County Manager Abolt said, I wasn't aware that he wasn't going to be here. I do want to bring one thing to your attention. In the absence of Mr. Harris, in cooperation with federal authorities, we want to get the word out relative to the turning in of prescription drug pills not being used, and that's a very special initiative on the part of Director Harris and CNT.

[NOTE: Commander Harris came in before the meeting was ended and his report follows XIII Information Items.]

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X. ACTION CALENDAR

<p>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.</p>

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, Action Calendar. We have Items 1 through 9 and under 9, we have Items A through K. Are there any specific items that the Commissioners would like to withhold or discuss?

County Manager Abolt said, I want to find Mr. Kaigler on that accident.

Commissioner Odell said, I'll make a motion to approve if – Helen, if you have something you want to –

Commissioner Stone said, no, I asked a question in the pre-meeting about a vehicle replacement and how do we know as Commissioners –

County Manager Abolt said, we'll find it. I apologize for not having Mr. Kaigler here right now.

Commissioner Stone said, whether insurance covers or whether that's coming out of –

County Manager Abolt said, here comes Mr. Kaigler now. The question was, is there liability on the part of a private party, the Sheriff's vehicle.

Mr. Kaigler said, yes, there is. The vehicle was a 2006 Crown Victoria. It was wrecked in an accident. It wasn't the – the other driver was at fault. The insurance company reimbursed the County for the value of the vehicle, which was approximately \$9,000, and the county's Risk Management Fund had to supplement the rest to buy a new vehicle, which is approximately \$21,000.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you. I just wanted to understand where the funds were coming from for the replacement vehicle.

Chairman Liakakis said, Michael, come back up a minute. We got \$9,000 from the insurance company?

Mr. Kaigler said, yes, sir. The vehicle had about 82,000 miles on it and the residual value of the vehicle was approximately \$9,000.

Chairman Liakakis said, well, let me say this. This Commission – generally it's \$20,900 or \$21,000 for those Crown Victoria?

Mr. Kaigler said, yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, if we got \$9,000, why are we approving 20,000? We should subtract the 9,000 from the 20,000.

Mr. Kaigler said, the 9,000 went into the Risk Management Fund, and we're just purchasing the vehicle out of the Risk Management Fund.

Chairman Liakakis said, oh, okay. Got it. Okay, good.

Commissioner Odell said, it's the same thing.

Mr. Kaigler said, yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, thank you. Did you want to ask something?

Commissioner Odell said, no, no, I'm good. I want to make a motion to approve the balance of the Action Calendar.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

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

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

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1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 13, 2010, AS MAILED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of August 13, 2010, as mailed, be approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas and it carried unanimously. [Commissioners Gellatly and Kicklighter were not present.]

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 5 THROUGH AUGUST 18, 2010.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved that claims vs. Chatham County for the period August 5 through August 18, 2010, in the amount of \$5,384,310 be paid. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas and it carried unanimously. [Commissioners Gellatly and Kicklighter were not present.]

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3. REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF A QUIT CLAIM DEED TO THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (GDOT) FOR THE RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW) ALONG DIAMOND CAUSEWAY (SR 204 SPUR) FOR THE SKIDAWAY NARROWS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

[Districts 1 and 4.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved that the Board authorize execution of a Quit Claim deed to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the right-of-way (ROW) along Diamond Causeway (SR 204 Spur) for the Skidaway Narrows Bridge Replacement Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas and it carried unanimously. [Commissioners Gellatly and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-3
AGENDA DATE: August 27, 2010

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Leon Davenport, P.E., Assistant County Manager

ISSUE: To authorize execution of a Quit Claim deed to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the right of way (ROW) along Diamond Causeway (SR 204 Spur) for the Skidaway Narrows Bridge Replacement Project.

BACKGROUND: The bridge replacement project is under a Design/Build contract with United Contractors. The project replaces the bascule bridge over Skidaway Narrows with a high span two lane bridge. Work is underway on the project.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Skidaway Narrows Bridge Replacement project is being administered by the GDOT with a Design/Build process. The contractor and consultant submitted permits for the environmental mitigation required. A restrictive covenant must be placed on the areas adjacent to the new bridge as a part of the permit by the owner of the property.

2. The area proposed for mitigation is within the existing ROW of Diamond Causeway (SR 204 Spur). GDOT accepted maintenance of the roadway from Chatham County previously but technically the ROW was not conveyed to the GDOT. GDOT requests that the ROW be quit claimed to the GDOT so that they may place a restrictive covenant on the mitigation area.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To authorize execution of a Quit Claim deed to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the right of way (ROW) along Diamond Causeway (SR 204 Spur) for the Skidaway Narrows Bridge Replacement Project.
2. To not authorize the Quit Claim deed.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The Board must approve quit claim actions.

RECOMMENDATIONS: To approve Alternative No. 1.

District 1, 4.

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4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE DEDICATING PIPEMAKERS CANAL DRAINAGE RIGHTS OF WAY TO THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF CHATHAM COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY AS PREPARED BY JAMES M. ANDERSON DATED FEBRUARY16, 2010.

[District 7.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved that the Board approve dedicating Pipemakers Canal drainage rights of way to the City of Garden City as shown on a plat of Chatham County owned property as prepared by James M. Anderson dated February16, 2010. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas and it carried unanimously. [Commissioners Gellatly and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4
AGENDA DATE: August 27, 2010

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Leon Davenport, P.E., Assistant County Engineer

ISSUE: Request Board approve dedicating Pipemakers Canal drainage rights of way to the City of Garden City as shown on a plat of Chatham County owned property as prepared by James M. Anderson dated February 16, 2010.

BACKGROUND: Chatham County purchased the property (a.k.a. the Kahn site) in 1999 for wetlands mitigation for Pipemakers Canal drainage improvement projects. The property is adjacent to the Pipemakers Canal on State Route 307.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Since 1996, the County has been executing an improvement plan to Pipemakers Canal for the correction of drainage deficiencies in the Pooler, Garden City and Bloomingdale communities. The overall improvement plan thus far consists of channel widening, bridge improvements, and construction of a tidegate structure.
2. In 2006, the County applied to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for a permit to construct the Pipemakers Canal Phase 2 improvements. The permit application included a plan using the Kahn site for wetland mitigation. The permit application was denied by the USACE due to the objections of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The FAA objected to the creation of a wetland area at this site because of its proximity to the airport and the potential waterfowl hazard to air traffic.
3. In 2007, staff revised the mitigation plan to purchase mitigation credits from an approved wetlands mitigation bank. The Board of Commissioners declared the Kahn site property as surplus and approved purchase of the mitigation credits on June 22, 2007. The revised mitigation plan was accepted by the USACE with no objections by the FAA and a permit for construction of the Phase 2 improvements was issued.
4. Staff identified saleable portions of the property, portions of the property that should be held by the County for floodway preservation, and portions of the property that should be dedicated as rights of way for the operation of maintenance of drainage. These areas are identified and shown on the subdivision plat of the property.

- 5. Staff will proceed with sale of the property upon dedication of the rights of way and acceptance of the subdivision plat by the City of Garden city. Proceeds from the sale of the property will be returned to the 1998-2003 SPLOST for drainage improvements.

FUNDING: No funding is required.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approve dedicating Pipemakers Canal drainage rights of way to the City of Garden City as shown on a plat of Chatham County owned property as prepared by James M. Anderson dated February 16, 2010.
- 2. Provide staff with other directions.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The dedication of the drainage rights of way from property owned by Chatham County requires approval by the Board.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative #1.

District 7

Prepared by W. C. Uhl, P.E.

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**5. REQUEST BOARD EXECUTE A RIGHT-OF-WAY MOWING AGREEMENT WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR KINGS FERRY BOAT RAMP PARK ACCESS ROAD.
[District 6.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved that the Board execute a Right-of-Way Mowing Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for Kings Ferry Boat Ramp Park Access Road. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas and it carried unanimously. [Commissioners Gellatly and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-5
AGENDA DATE: August 27, 2010

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Leon Davenport, P.E., Assistant County Engineer

ISSUE: To execute a Right-of-Way Mowing Agreement ("Agreement") with Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for Kings Ferry Boat Ramp Park Access Road.

BACKGROUND: By executing this Agreement, Chatham County agrees to mow the grass and maintain King's Ferry Access Road and parking lot pavement to be located in the Highway 17 right-of-way.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. The Board approved a contract with R K General Contractors, LLC to construct improvements to Kings Ferry Boat Ramp Park on August 13, 2010. A portion of those improvements are proposed within the GDOT right-of-way of Highway 17. Prior to issuance of a permit, GDOT requires the County agree to mow the grass and maintain the pavement within the right-of-way.
- 2. Chatham County cannot obtain a permit to construct the Access Road within the GDOT right-of-way without the Agreement.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. To execute a Right-of-Way Mowing Agreement ("Agreement") with Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Kings Ferry Boat Ramp Park Access Road.
- 2. To not approve the Agreement.

FUNDING: N/A

POLICY ANALYSIS: That Board approves intergovernmental agreements.

RECOMMENDATION: That Board approve Alternative #1.

District 6

Prepared by Suzanne Cooler, P.E.

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- 6. REQUEST BOARD CONFIRM CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE ON A CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP AND AGREEMENT WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (GDOT). IN THE PAST THE RESURFACING PROGRAM WAS KNOWN AS LOCAL ASSISTANCE ROAD PROGRAM (LARP); GDOT HAS REPLACED LARP WITH THE LOCAL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM (LMIG) AND INCLUDES ALL TYPES OF TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS..**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved that the Board confirm the Chairman's signature on a Certificate of Ownership and Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). In the past the resurfacing program was known as Local Assistance Road Program (LARP); GDOT has replaced LARP with the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant Program (LMIG) and includes all types of transportation improvements for local governments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas and it carried unanimously. [Commissioners Gellatly and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-6
AGENDA DATE: August 27, 2010

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. ABolt, County Manager
FROM: Leon Davenport, P.E., Assistant County Engineer

ISSUE: That the Board confirm signature of the Chairman on a Certificate of Ownership and Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).

BACKGROUND: The GDOT administers local projects for resurfacing and minor improvements in local jurisdictions. In the past resurfacing was known as the Local Assistance Road Program (LARP). The GDOT has replaced that program with the Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant Program (LMIG). The program expanded to include all types of transportation improvements for local governments.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Local governments are required to certify ownership of any roads submitted for improvements under the new program and provide maintenance upon completion. For expediency, the Chairman already signed the agreement.
2. A list of resurfacing and roadway improvement projects submitted to GDOT is under review. Once the Certificate of Ownership is submitted the GDOT will recommend projects to be funded by the LMIG.
3. The agreement was approved by the County Attorney.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board confirm signature of the Chairman on a Certification Acceptance Qualification Agreement for the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).
2. Not to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement.

FUNDING: No funding required.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The Board must approve intergovernmental agreements.

RECOMMENDATION: To approve Alternative 1.

Unincorporated Area Districts.

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- 7. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF POOLER TO ALLOW THE CHATHAM COUNTY TAX COMMISSIONER TO OVERSEE AND PROVIDE COLLECTION OF TAX MONIES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF POOLER.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved that the Board approve an Intergovernmental Agreement and Contract with the City of Pooler to allow the Chatham County Tax Commissioner to oversee and provide collection of tax monies on behalf of the City of Pooler. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas and it carried unanimously. [Commissioners Gellatly and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-7
AGENDA DATE: August 27, 2010

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney

ISSUE:

To approve contract between Chatham County, City of Pooler ("City") and Daniel T. Powers, Tax Commissioner for the Tax Commissioner overseeing and providing for collection of tax revenues for the City of Pooler.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Pooler has requested Daniel T. Powers as Tax Commissioner to exercise his discretionary authority pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-5-359.1(a)(2)(B), to undertake supervision of the preparation of the City digest, for the collection of taxes in the same manner as he does for the County and other contracting municipalities. The County Commission is asked to approve this Agreement which has already been signed by the City of Pooler. The contract would allow for a more timely collection of taxes in a cost effective manner due to efficiency of operations. The Tax Commissioner undertaking these additional duties and supervision for tax collection shall result in the City of Pooler paying \$4.00 per parcel of real estate and/or bill of personality issued by Tax Commissioner. The County will receive \$2.50 for each parcel or bill sent and Daniel T. Powers, Tax Commissioner, for undertaking these additional discretionary duties shall receive \$1.50. The fee for each parcel approximates costs of services, including the Tax Commissioner's undertaking of such discretionary duties.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The City of Pooler has requested Daniel T. Powers as Tax Commissioner to exercise his discretionary authority pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-5-359.1(a)(2)(B), to undertake supervision of the preparation of the City digest, for the collection of taxes in the same manner as he does for the County and other contracting municipalities.
2. The County Commission is asked to approve this Agreement which has already been signed by the City of Pooler.
3. The contract would allow for a more timely collection of taxes in a cost effective manner due to efficiency of operations.
4. The Tax Commissioner undertaking these additional duties and supervision for tax collection shall result in the City of Pooler paying \$4.00 per parcel of real estate and/or bill of personality issued by Tax Commissioner.
5. The County will receive \$2.50 for each parcel or bill sent and Daniel T. Powers, Tax Commissioner, for undertaking these additional discretionary duties shall receive \$1.50. The fee for each parcel approximates costs of services, including the Tax Commissioner's undertaking of such discretionary duties.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

This contract will benefit the City of Pooler, reimburse costs to the County and will allow for the more efficient tax collection process.

FUNDING:

There is no County funding requirement and the City of Pooler will reimburse costs and create efficiencies within City government.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve contract with Daniel T. Powers, Tax Commissioner, Chatham County and the City of Pooler.
2. Do not approve contract with Daniel T. Powers, Tax Commissioner, Chatham County and the City of Pooler.

RECOMMENDATION:

Alternative 1.

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8. TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF APPLICATION TO THE GEORGIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT TO CONTINUE TO FUND A FULL-TIME BILINGUAL VICTIM ADVOCATE FOR SPANISH SPEAKING VICTIMS AND WITNESSES.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved approval of application to the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the continuation of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant to continue to fund a full-time bilingual Victim Advocate for Spanish speaking victims and witnesses. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas and it carried unanimously. [Commissioners Gellatly and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-8
AGENDA DATE: August 27, 2010

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Cheryl W. Rogers, Victim-Witness Assistance Program, Interim Director

ISSUE:

To request approval of application to the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the continuation of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant to continue to fund a full-time bilingual Victim Advocate for Spanish speaking victims and witnesses.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1) The competitive grant for **\$60,000** would include salary and benefits for bilingual Advocate, outreach materials and brochures in Spanish, staff travel and training.
- 2) The grant requires a 20% match for **\$12,000** which is already in place through the Victim- Assistance Program. **No additional funds from the County are required.**
- 3) Chatham County has seen a steady increase in the Hispanic population during the past 10 years and this trend is reflected in the number of Hispanics who have contact with the criminal justice system.
- 4) The Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department, the municipal police departments, the Office of the District Attorney, and Latin American Service Organization all report a reluctance of many Hispanic victims and witnesses to cooperate with criminal justice agencies. This lack of cooperation is often due to limited English language skills and a lack of support to maneuver the unfamiliar and intimidating legal system.
- 5) One priority of the grant is to provide services to under served victims. Spanish speaking victims are currently under served in Chatham County.
- 6) The deadline for the grant application is September 10, 2010.

FUNDING

- 1) No additional county funds are required. The 20% match of **\$12,000** is currently available through the Victim-Witness Assistance Program.
- 2) The VOCA grant has been available since 1986 so it has a long history of providing services to crime victims throughout the nation.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) That the Board approve the application for the continuation VOCA grant to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.
- 2) That the Board not approve the application for the continuation VOCA grant to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board of Commissioners has been the recipient of the Victims of Crime Act funds for the past year and in years past as well. The continuation of this grant requires no additional funds from Chatham County and the personnel position ends if no additional funds are secured from grant sources.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Cheryl W. Rogers

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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.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved Board approval of the following bids, Items A through K. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried unanimously. [Commissioners Gellatly and Kicklighter were not present.]

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
A. Task Order contracts for various engineering, surveying and environmental services	Engineering	•Reynolds, Smith and Hill, Inc. •Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc.	•NTE \$250,000 •NTE \$100,000	•SPLOST (1985-1993) (1993-1998), (1998-2003), (2003-2008) •CIP •Land Bank
B. Change Order No. 1 to the contract for the installation of a feeder, emergency panel and County owned 30Kw emergency generator to extend the contract for an additional 14 days	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	PINCO	No additional funding required	N/A
C. Change Order No. 2 to the design services contract for the new Public Works and Park Services facility for additional services	Public Works and Park Services	Barnard Architects	\$4,125	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Public Works and Park Services facility
D. Construction contract for chiller noise reduction for the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum	Building Safety and Regulatory Services	E & D Contracting Services, Inc. (WBE)	\$32,584	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
E. Construction contract for the repair and replacement of guardrails at various locations in the unincorporated area of Chatham County	Public Works and Park Services	Leon's Fence and Guardrail, LLC (MBE)	\$75,977	CIP - Public Works (pending Board approval of budget amendment)
F. Two (2) truck chassis	Fleet Operations	•Roberts International Trucks •Roberts Truck Center	\$222,262	•Solid Waste •Solid Waste Restricted
G. Three (3) vans	Fleet Operations	•Christopher Trucks •Legacy Ford	\$80,889	•CIP - Vehicle Replacement •SPLOST (2003-2008) - Vehicle Replacement
H. Roll off hoist equipment	Fleet Operations	Consolidated Disposal System	\$31,584	Solid Waste Restricted
I. One (1) Ford Crown Victoria	Fleet Operations	J.C. Lewis Ford	\$20,902	Accident Replacement
J. Combination sewer and catch basin cleaner truck	Fleet Operations	Environmental Products of Georgia (Federal Contract)	\$330,816	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Vehicle Replacement
K. Move the existing infrastructure for the telephone and computer systems from the "old" condemned Public Works facility	I.C.S.	Integrated Network Solutions (Sole Source)	\$16,595	CIP - Fleet Operations

AGENDA ITEM: X-9 A THRU K
AGENDA DATE: August 27, 2010

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THRU: R.E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER
**FROM: MICHAEL A. KAIGLER, ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER/
 DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES & SERVICES**
SUBJECT: AWARD OF BIDS

ITEM A

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award professional services Task Order Contracts for amounts not to exceed \$250,000 with various engineering, 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 (GDOT) 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 are 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. Reynolds, Smith & Hill, Inc. (transportation) (NTE \$250,000)
- b. Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc. (transportation) (NTE \$100,000)

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

ALTERNATIVES:

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

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends 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 PINCO, for a 14-day extension to the contract for installation of a feeder, emergency panel, and County owned 30Kw emergency generator at the Mosquito Control Complex.

BACKGROUND: On 14 May 2010, the Board approved to award an \$88,400 construction contract to PINCO, for the installation of a feeder, emergency panel, and County owned 30Kw emergency generator at the Mosquito Control Complex.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. The contractor encountered problems with City of Savannah’s permitting since the project is only partially under their jurisdiction. The airport side of the complex is within City of Savannah jurisdiction and the administration building is within Chatham County jurisdiction.
- 2. There were additional delays due to obtaining airport security badges for contractors’ staff.
- 3. Based on the unforeseen delays the contractor has requested a 14-day extension. Staff, along with the consultant, have reviewed the request and are in agreement with the change order.
- 4. Contract history:

Original Contract (05-14-10)	\$88,400
Change Order No. 1 (Pending)	\$ 0
Revised Contract Amount	\$88,400

FUNDING: No additional funding is required.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of Change Order No. 1, with no additional funding required, to the contract with PINCO, for a 14-day extension to the contract for installation of a feeder, emergency panel, and County owned 30Kw emergency generator at the Mosquito Control Complex.
- 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 _____
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ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order No. 2, in the amount of \$4,125, to the professional services design contract with Barnard Architects for the Design and Engineering of the new Public Works and Park Services Facility.

BACKGROUND: On 23 May 2008, the Board entered into a professional services design contract with Barnard Architects to provide architectural services for the new Public Works and Park Services Facility in the amount of \$357,870.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Master Plan includes a Maintenance Building for the use of each maintenance section of the department separate from the Administrative Building. The plan is to have a storage bay for each of the sections (i.e., Road Maintenance, Stormwater Maintenance, Solid Waste, Park Maintenance, etc.). The original intent was for each of the bays to be strictly storage with only a ventilation system. However, it has since been determined that three (3) of the maintenance bays would either occupy staff during a portion of the day or contain files that needed climate control. Given consideration of our employees, those bays would need to have a heating and air-conditioning system. Therefore, the design team would need to include services to add an HVAC system and recalculate the electrical loads that were not included in the original design fee.

2. Contract history:

Original Contract (5-23-08)	\$ 357,870
Change Order No. 1 (12-18-09)	\$ 17,010 (resolve right-of-way issue)
Change Order No. 2 (pending)	\$ 4,125
Revised Contract Amount	\$ 379,005

3. Staff believes the fee for this change order from Barnard Architects to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - Public Works & Park Services Facility
(3234980 - 52.12003 - 32360433)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 2, in the amount of \$4,125, to the design contract with Barnard Architects for the Design and Engineering of the new Public Works and Park Services Facility.

2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$32,584 construction contract to E & D Contracting Services, Inc., (WBE firm) for chiller noise reduction at the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum.

BACKGROUND: The HVAC chiller is located in the exterior service yard of the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum annex. The current noise level has caused the neighboring residents to formally complain.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The purposed work is to reduce the noise discharged from the existing HVAC chiller. The work includes the installation of masonry walls, baffles and sound attenuation panels that will reduce the noise levels.

2. The project was publically advertised and opened on 10 August 2010. Three (3) bids were received with one (1) bid being non-responsive. The bid responses are as follows:

* E & D Contracting Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$32,584
Erickson Associates, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$38,300

*WBE

3. Staff believes the bid from E & D Contracting Services, Inc., to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - Civil Rights Museum
(3236004 - 52.39001 - 32360043)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval to award a \$32,584 construction contract to E & D Contracting Services, Inc., (WBE fm) for chiller noise reduction at the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$75,977 construction contract to Leon’s Fence and Guardrail, LLC., a MBE firm, for the repair and replacement of guardrails at various locations in the unincorporated area of Chatham County for Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: Due to vehicular accidents, various sections of guardrail within the unincorporated area have been damaged or due to deterioration and are in need of repair/replacement. This is a recurring issue that has to be addressed at various times during the calendar year. Earlier this year staff surveyed and identified numerous sites where there was guardrail damage and locations where the guardrail had to be replaced.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Public Works does not have the necessary in-house staff in order to make repairs to damaged guardrails. Therefore, on a regular basis, the department solicits a contractor to make the necessary repairs.
2. For this solicitation 29 (28 for repair and one (1) for replacement) locations totaling 1,438 linear feet of guardrail have been identified.
3. The project was properly advertised and two (2) bids were received and opened on 30 July 2010. The bid responses are as follows:

* Leon’s Fence and Guardrail, LLC. Lobeco, SC	\$75,977
** Alloy Industrial Contractors, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$87,360
* MBE firm	
** WBE firm	
4. Staff believes the bid submitted by Leon’s Fence and Guardrail, LLC. to be fair and reasonable.
5. This project will result in a zero balance of the CIP funds for guardrail replacement. With replenishment of funds, other sites will be repaired or replaced.

FUNDING: CIP - Public Works
(3504100 - 54.14011 - 35030797) - (pending Board approval of budget amendment)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$75,977 construction contract to Leon’s Fence and Guardrail, LLC., a MBE firm, for the repair and replacement of guardrails at various locations in the unincorporated area of Chatham County for Public Works and Park Services.
2. 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 F

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$222,626 purchase of a Roll-Off Truck Chassis and a Compactor Truck Chassis from Roberts International Trucks of Richmond Hill, GA and Roberts Truck Center of Garden City, GA for Fleet Operations.

BACKGROUND: The Roll-Off Truck Chassis is a replacement vehicle for unit number 203 that was damaged beyond repair in an accident in 2008. The Compactor Truck Chassis is a replacement vehicle for an aging truck. Both vehicles are for Solid Waste Management.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Bids were publically advertised and opened on 30 July 2010. There were four (4) dealerships to submit bids.
2. The bid responses are as follows:

Heavy Duty Truck - Cab Chassis only for Roll-Off Truck

Bunch Trucks & Equipment Savannah, GA	2009 Mack Gu813/roll off	\$96,796
Roberts International Trucks Richmond Hill, GA	2011 International 7600	\$109,740
Advantage Trucks Center Charlotte, NC	2011 Volvo BHD64B w/07 Emission	\$119,595

Heavy duty truck - cab chassis for Compactor Refuse Truck

Roberts Trucks Center Garden City, GA	2010 Volvo VHD	\$89,700
Bunch Trucks & Equipment Savannah, GA	2009 Mack Gu813/rear loader	\$105,855
Roberts International Trucks Center Richmond Hill, GA	2011 International 7600	\$112,522
Advantage Trucks Center Charlotte, NC	2011 Volvo BHD64B w/07 Emission	\$121,595

3. A 2011 International 7600 Roll-Off Chassis from Roberts International Trucks met minimum weight specification of 64,000 GVW in which an automatic transmission was preferred. A 2011 International 7600 Compactor Refuse Chassis met all requirements of 66,000 GVW with an automatic transmission. The lower price Chassis did not met required specifications.

FUNDING: Solid Waste Restricted - \$109,740
(5404510 - 54.22001)
Solid Waste - \$112,522
(5404502 - 54.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of a \$222,626 purchase of a Roll-Off Truck Chassis and a Compactor Truck Chassis from Roberts International Trucks of Richmond Hill, GA and Roberts Trucks Center of Garden City, GA for Fleet Operations.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to purchasing the necessary vehicles for the using department.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval of an \$80,889 purchase of one (1) van from Christopher Trucks of Greenville, SC, and two (2) vans from Legacy Ford for Fleet Operations.

BACKGROUND: The three (3) vans are replacement vehicles for the Live Oaks Library, Facilities Maintenance and Operations, and Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Bids were publically advertised and opened on 30 July 2010. The bid responses are as follows:

Sprinter Cargo Van - New 2010 Model

Christopher Trucks \$44,465
Greenville, SC

New 2010 Ford Transit Connect Vehicle, Model XL

Legacy Ford, Inc. \$17,891
McDonough, GA

J. C. Lewis Ford \$20,025
Savannah, GA

Allan Vigil Ford L-M \$20,854
Morrow, GA

New 2010 Ford Transit Connect Vehicle, Model XLT

Legacy Ford, Inc. \$18,533
McDonough, GA

J. C. Lewis Ford \$20,890
Savannah, GA

Allan Vigil Ford L-M \$21,959
Morrow, GA

2. On 27 March 1998, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners adopted a "Local Vendor" Preference Ordinance that gives the lowest Chatham County vendor the opportunity to match the lowest price offered by an out-of-County vendor. If the County vendor confirms in writing within 24 hours, the award will be made to the Chatham County vendor. J. C. Lewis Ford declined to match the low bid of Legacy Ford, Inc., for the 2010 Ford Transit Connect Vehicle Models XL and XLT.
3. Staff believe the cost of \$80,889 for the purchase of three vans to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - Fleet Replacement Vehicles - \$62,356
(3501567 - 54.22001 - 3503004A)
SPLOST (2003-2008) - SSD Vehicle Replacement - \$18,533
(3234985 - 54.22001 - 3236063B)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of an \$80,889 purchase of one (1) van from Christopher Trucks of Greenville, SC, and two (2) vans from Legacy Ford for Fleet Operations
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to purchase the necessary vehicles for the using department

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board approval to piggy back off the Lowndes County's solicitation for the \$31,584 purchase of a Roll-Off Hoist from Consolidated Disposal System, Inc., of Smyrna, GA for Fleet Operations.

BACKGROUND: The hoist is to go on the new chassis purchase for the roll-off truck.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The description of the hoist is a Gallbreath Hoist, model U5-OR-174 with Pioneer RP4500 Tarp System.
2. There are no local vendors in Chatham County to purchase this equipment. Consolidated Disposal System, Inc., agreed to offer the same terms and conditions as Lowndes County.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$31,584 for the purchase of the Roll-Off Hoist to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: Solid Waste Restricted
(5404510 - 54.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval to piggy back off the Lowndes County's solicitation for the \$31,584 purchase of a Roll-Off Hoist from Consolidated Disposal System, Inc., of Smyrna, GA for Fleet Operations.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM I

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$20,902 purchase of one (1) Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor from J. C. Lewis Ford for the Sheriff Department.

BACKGROUND: This vehicle will replace unit number 791 which was involved in an accident and due to damages sustained a total lost.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Board previously approved at their 15 January 2010 meeting, an Annual Pricing Agreement to purchase newest model year vehicle on an "as needed funds available" basis.
2. J. C. Lewis Ford agreed to honor the previous pricing, terms and conditions.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$20,902 for the purchase of a replacement Ford Crown Victoria Interceptor to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: Accident Replacement
(6259921 - 57.3010)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of the \$20,902 purchase of one (1) Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor from J. C. Lewis Ford for the Sheriff Department.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM J

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$330,816 purchase of a New Vactor 2100 Plus Combination Sewer and Catch Basin Cleaner Truck off the Federal Contract from Environmental Products of Georgia (EPOG) of Atlanta, GA for Fleet Operations.

BACKGROUND: This unit will replace unit number 250 which is a 2000 Camel Sewer & Catch Basin Cleaner Truck that is no longer economically feasible to maintain.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Staff has tested other brands and models of sewer trucks and believe that this one will meet specifications.
2. Staff believes the total cost of \$330,816 for the New Vactor 2100 Plus Combination Sewer and Catch Basin Cleaner Truck to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - SSD Vehicle Replacement
(3234985 - 54.22001 - 32360630)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of the \$330,816 purchase of a New Vactor 2100 Plus Combination Sewer and Catch Basin Cleaner Truck off the Federal Contract from Environmental Products of Georgia (EPOG) of Atlanta, GA for Fleet Operations.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of replacement equipment that is essential to the daily operation of the using department.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM K

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$16,595 sole source purchase to move the existing infrastructure for the telephone and computer systems in the "old" condemned Public Works facility from Integrated Network Solutions for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: The move of the infrastructure is required because demolition of the "old" condemned Public Works facility is to begin shortly.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. Integrated Network Solutions is the sole source provider for the County's telephone systems and computer infrastructure.
- 2. Staff negotiated a price of \$16,595. Staff believes this cost to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - Fleet Operations
(3501567 - 54.13001 - 35031357)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of a \$16,595 sole source purchase to move the existing infrastructure for the telephone and computer systems in the "old" condemned Public Works facility from Integrated Network Solutions for I.C.S.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

PREPARED BY _____
PURCHASING AGENT

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XI. FIRST READINGS

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

None.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

- 1. THE PETITIONER DAVID LESSER, AGENT FOR BUCCANEER TRACE, LP, IS REQUESTING TO ZONE A 22.021 ACRE SITE FROM A PUD/EO (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT – ENVIRONMENTAL OVERLAY) CLASSIFICATION TO A P-R-3-13.5/EO (PLANNED RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL – ENVIRONMENTAL OVERLAY – 13.5 UNITS PER NET ACRE) CLASSIFICATION. MPC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. MPC FILE NO. Z-100427-00023-1 [District 4.]

Jim Hansen said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Jim Hansen, on behalf of the MPC. As the Chairman has stated, this is a request by the owners of Buccaneer Trace to rezone their existing property, which is approximately 22 acres. There is on the site now currently existing an apr complex which is zoned PUD, that's Planned Unit Development, Residential. The request in this instance is to allow them to construct two additional buildings, each containing 10 units. There will be an additional total of 20 units added to the apartment complex if you so approve this particular request. This is consistent with the future land use map and the general plan for the area. It is also still less than the total density allowed under the Master Plan which was adopted by you in 1986. The MPC has, as the Chairman indicated, recommended approval.

Commissioner Stone said, so move for approval.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second for approval. Let's go on the board. Motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved approval of the request of petitioner David Lesser, Agent for Buccaneer Trace, LP, to zone a 22.021 acre site from a PUD/EO (Planned Unit Development – Environmental Overlay) classification to a P-R-3-13.5/EO (Planned Residential Multi-Family Residential – Environmental Overlay – 13.5 units per net acre) classification. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holmes and it carried unanimously. [Commissioners Gellatly and Kicklighter were not present.]

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2. REQUEST BOARD ADOPT THE 2010 CHATHAM COUNTY REVENUE ORDINANCE.

Chairman Liakakis said, as you know, we were distributed that about a month and a half ago, two months ago, and we discussed this on a couple of occasions in the past, even before it came on for second readings, and so we need a motion on the floor to approve.

Commissioner Thomas said, move for approval.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second. Let's go on the board. Motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved that the Board adopt the 2010 Chatham County Revenue Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holmes and it carried unanimously. [Commissioners Gellatly and Kicklighter were not present.]

~~**AGENDA ITEM: XI-2**~~
~~**AGENDA DATE: August 13, 2010**~~

AGENDA ITEM: XII-2
AGENDA DATE: August 27, 2010

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

ISSUE:
Present the 2010 Chatham County Revenue Ordinance for adoption by the Board of Commissioners.

BACKGROUND:
The County's fiscal 2011 budget was adopted June 25, 2010. The Chatham County Revenue Ordinance has been updated to reflect changes in rates and fees resulting from the budget process, amendments to the Ordinance since August 2009, and revised court schedules. Also, the E-911 section needs to be amended for Voice Over Internet Protocol.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Revenue Ordinance has been updated to reflect changes in rates and fees that were incorporated in the County's Fiscal 2011 adopted budget. These changes included various recreation fee changes and corrections, various inspection fee changes, a change in the application fee for the Right-Of-Way Encroachment, changes for land disturbing activity fees, a new lost parking card fee, and a new false alarm ordinance.
2. On December 21, 2007, the Board of Commissioners approved a resolution imposing an E-911 charge for Voice Over Internet Protocol of \$1.50 per month. The Revenue Ordinance

has been modified to better disclose this rate in Section 2 under Public Utility Taxes - Part 2.E-911 Emergency Telephone Service Fees (page 14).

3. In 2010 the Georgia General Assembly approved House Bill 1055. As a result, many court rates were changed. Updated court schedules for Probate Court, Magistrate Court, Superior Court, and State Court are included in the Ordinance. See Appendix A, B, C, and E.
4. The Revenue Ordinance has also been forwarded to the County Attorney for review.

FUNDING:

N/A

POLICY ANALYSIS:

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Present the Revenue Ordinance for a first reading August 13, 2010 and a second reading on August 27, 2010.
2. Provide the Finance Department with other guidance.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board follow Alternative 1.

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. **PROGRESS REPORT ON GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT - M & O AND THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT (SEE ATTACHED).**
2. **LIST OF PURCHASING ITEMS BETWEEN \$2,500 AND \$9,999 (SEE ATTACHED). NOTE: NONE FOR THIS AGENDA.**
3. **ROADS AND DRAINAGE REPORTS.**

*AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 Roads
AGENDA DATE: August 27, 2010*

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Leon Davenport, P.E., Assistant County Engineer

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

BACKGROUND: Funding priorities for projects using Federal aid are established in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). None of the local projects at this time have funds approved for State aid. For awarded construction contracts, this report provides the latest scheduled completion dates.

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Truman Parkway, Phase 5. Construction underway. 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. A groundbreaking event was held on July 30. Estimated completion is September 2013.
3. Whitefield Avenue. Right-of-way (ROW) acquisition and demolition of structures are complete. ROW was certified to the GDOT on June 23. The project will be ready for letting to construction in FY 2011.
4. Bay Street Widening from I-516 to Bay Street Viaduct. The Concept Report was approved by the GDOT on February 9, 2005. The public hearing was held January 18, 2007. The FHWA approved the Environmental Assessment on August 31, 2007. Preliminary Field Plan Review (PFPR) was held July 21, 2009. ROW plans were approved February 11, 2010. The appraisal process is underway.
5. Local Roads.

- a. Dulany Road. Construction is underway with a scheduled completion of December 2010.
- b. Dean Forest Road (SR 307). Project replaces culverts for the Hardin Canal and realigns the curve. Road re-opened to traffic on August 19. Estimated completion of construction is December 2010.
- c. Kings Ferry Boat Ramp roads and parking. Bids were opened on July 28. Board awarded a contract to R K General Contractors on August 13. Preconstruction conference pending.
- d. Fenwick Avenue/Medford Street. Bid opening held August 18. Staff reviewing bids for recommendation of award.
- e. Wild Heron Sidewalks. Under construction. Estimated completion date is January 2011.
- f. Intersection improvements at King George Blvd and Grove Point Road. Construction plans to add turn lanes and traffic signals are complete. ROW acquisition is complete. Utility relocation is in progress. Requests for State aid funds and County Contract are pending.
- g. Billings Road. Design complete. One condemnation pending.
- h. Elmhurst Road, Beechwood Road and Ridgewood Road. Design and ROW acquisition complete on Elmhurst and Beechwood. Ridgewood being redesigned to accommodate trees and bamboo.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts All

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 DRAINAGE

AGENDA DATE: August 27, 2010

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Leon Davenport, P.E., Assistant 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 (Phase 1) was completed in 2005. On August 17 the Board awarded a construction contract for the Phase 2A of project which is to include improvements from the terminus of Phase 1 to Dean Forest Road. Construction will begin after execution of the construction contract. Work will take approximately 21 months to complete.

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. A project to replace golf cart bridges between I-16 and Southbridge Boulevard is underway. A change order approved by the Board on August 17, 2010 increased the scope of work and extended the time of completion to the end of November 2010. The SR 307/Hardin Canal Bridge Culvert project is underway. Dean Forest Road reopened to traffic on August 19, 2010. Completion of the project is scheduled for December 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. Temporary lane closure along Conaway Road and Hiram Road have been removed and all lanes are now open. Construction work was substantially completed in June 2010. Final clean up is expected by the end of September 2010.

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. Projects including new culverts with tide gates and rip rap erosion protection have been completed. Staff requested the design engineer of record to develop a scope and fee for replacement of five undersized culverts along the canal. A recommendation will be presented to the Board for award of a contract to design these additional improvements in September 2010.

5. Queensbury Drainage Improvements. The project area is south of Montgomery Cross Road and west of Ferguson Avenue and includes Tara Manor, Ennis Mobile Home Park, Lakeview and Forest City Gun Club. A preliminary design for improvements to serve Tara Manor is under review by staff. Final design of improvements to serve the mobile home park is complete. Permitting is underway. Construction is expected to begin in January 2011.

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. Negotiations are complete on the acquisition of drainage easements from the Gun Club and enables construction of drainage improvements along the outer perimeter of the subdivision. Construction on these improvements will begin in August 2010 and is expected to be complete in December 2010.
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. On December 18, 2009, the Board approved Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract extending the work upstream. Construction of the project 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). Phase 2 was completed in June 2010 (replaced several undersized culverts along the Vidalia Canal south of Vidalia Road). Staff started work to design improvements at Yemassee Road and Ridgeland Road. Preliminary designs are under review by staff. Final design and permitting is expected to be complete by November 2010.
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. Quacco Canal Drainage Extension. The project will relieve drainage issues causing street and nuisance flooding in the Willow Lakes Subdivision. Preliminary and final design work to extend the piping network from Quacco Trail to the existing lake within the subdivision is complete. Final design plans and permitting are complete. Construction will be complete by March 2011.
11. 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 and permitting is underway for improvements for the Norwood Place outfall. Design work is also underway for the outfall at Skidaway Road. Staff is working on the acquisition of required rights-of-ways and easements for installation and maintenance of these two drainage improvement projects.
12. Henderson/Gateway. Drainage is provided by the Little Neck Canal and the Henderson Branch Canal (combined length 2 miles). Development of the subdivisions led to increased rates and volumes of storm water runoff which the canals cannot handle. A construction contract for a project to replace the golf cart culvert and culvert at Henderson Oaks Drive was approved by the Board. Notice to proceed was issued to the contractor in August. Work is expected to be complete by early winter.
13. Shipyard-Beaulieu Area. The project will be accomplished in phases. The first phase replaced the storm drain pipe at Beaulieu Avenue and was completed in January 2010. The second phase will replace three undersized storm drain pipes and reshape the existing ditch. Staff is in the process of acquiring required easements for access, construction, and maintenance.
14. 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.
15. 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 US Army Corps of Engineers. It is anticipated that the permit will include a special condition to mitigate salt water wetland impacts through a donation of \$10,000 to the University of Georgia Marine Extension Service in support of the Generating Enhanced Oyster Reefs in Georgia's Inshore Areas (G.E.O.R.G.I.A.) Program.
16. 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 Board on January 29, 2010. Preliminary design work is underway.
17. Leigh-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 and required permitting are expected to be complete by October 2010.
18. 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 Hayner's Creek. Preliminary design work is underway to improve the piping network and the outfall. Final design plans and required permitting are expected to be complete by November 2010.

19. 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 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. A construction contract for drainage improvements was approved by the Board and notice to proceed has been given to the Contractor. Work is expected to be complete before the public school year begins on August 24, 2010 in the area in and around the school. As of August 17, 2010 the contractor has not vacated the temporary construction (equipment and materials lay down area) on the school soccer field area. The school driveway pavements have been restored but the grassed areas are not yet permanently restored. Remaining work at Lisbon, Romney Place and Henderson will take longer to complete than anticipated due to delays associated with relocations of unexpected underground utility systems not identified by the utility companies during design.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.
Districts: All

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Chairman Liakakis said, here's Roy. Roy, do you want to come up and give your drug report?

Commander Roy Harris said, I apologize for being late. I got caught downstairs.

Chairman Liakakis said, well, I'm glad you got loose.

Commander Harris said, everybody has had an opportunity to get a copy of the report. If you will see, we made a couple changes at the request of the Commission. First, we put some colored pie charts in there to give a little bit better understanding of what drugs seized were and drugs seized year-to-date. We added that at your request from the last meeting. If you'll look on Page 3 at weapons seized, you'll see that we seized 21 firearms during the month for a total of 74 for the year. As I've stated many times, it appears we will -- each year, we increase the amount of firearms seized, which is both a good and a bad thing. That shows there's more guns on the street and we are getting them off the street as best we can, and Metro is also doing a superb job on doing that, but for every one we get off, I think there's four or five more that show up. Total arrests for this past month was 79, brings us to 295 for the year.

Again, on drug complaints, you'll see that CrimeStoppers, as almost every month, is the number one source of complaints that we get. We received 26 from them during the month and assigned 26. I'll say a word or two more about that. Generally, with CrimeStoppers, and I'm having our hot line tip cards reprinted to include the CrimeStoppers numbers on there, when they call in to CrimeStoppers, CrimeStoppers is very good at getting additional information from people, whereas if it's just a unmonitored tip line, many times they'll call in and say that drugs are being sold on such-and-such a corner, and that's all that you get, so we push people toward using CrimeStoppers, because it is a very good organization. Look on Page 4, pie charts there show the hours expended in each precinct. Year-to-date, as you can see, year-to-date for the Metro area was the Southside Precinct, a large percent of the last major investigations we were doing, the people were in the south precinct area, which reflects that. Usually, the past couple of years, it's been Central Precinct and sometimes Westside Precinct being the number ones, but Southside has eclipsed that during that time. Also, as usual, Garden City and Pooler are the two municipalities that have the highest number of hours there. Page 5 shows you hours worked by zone, the precinct and the breakdown of administrative hours, and significant events on Page 6. Any questions?

Chairman Liakakis said, go ahead, Helen.

Commissioner Stone said, I mean, I'm putting this pie chart and looking at this, the hours expended on the southside, I mean, do you have that many problems on southside with drugs?

Commander Harris said, the people that we were arresting in these were what we would call mid level to major drug dealers, and they were residing and operating in the Southside Precinct. We, as you know, have had a tremendous amount of growth in the last few years, but also, we're seeing a lot of growth that -- a lot of our drug dealers are moving down there. Now, these are not folks standing on street corners selling drugs.

Commissioner Stone said, oh, I don't question that. I'm just kinda shocked. I mean, this is almost half of your manpower hours going to the Southside, and that's --

Commander Harris said, that's where the principal players in these three or four drug organizations that we were looking at were operating out of, in that area, so that's where those personnel hours would go, as to where they actually are. Now, some of these folks that we were dealing with worked all over Chatham County. They would travel the entire county sometimes on any given surveillance operation, meeting people around, but the hours reflect back to actually where they were when we opened that case, or where they were when we arrested them.

Commissioner Stone said, it's amazing.

Commissioner Odell said, it's kinda expected if you look at a drug -- upper level pushers don't necessarily live in the poor areas because of the income. They want to live in a more affluent area, so ergo, Southside. I would even predict that we're going to see an increase in the Islands area, Georgetown, perhaps. They ply their trades in some of the

core areas, but they as the Commander said, are not the people who sell hand-to-hand. They are up level distributors, and I have requested this, and you've done that and I appreciate that. If I could ask just one question, I've always thought that there was a major correlation between home burglaries and weapons that are on the street, because many of the weapons that ultimately fall into criminals' hands are coming from burglaries where someone, a drug user, breaks into a home. They steal something that can easily be sold. An item that has street value is a weapon, and that gets into the flow of the criminal enterprise. At some point, we're going to get a joint report -- I'll ask this to Russ -- criminal statistics from the joint Savannah-Chatham County Police Department showing the category of crimes. We're going to get that at some point, also? We get this, which is great, we get this monthly and we can look at it. But, you know, like --

County Manager Abolt said, be glad to. I think it's a great idea. What I may suggest, with your permission, that we ask the Director to put this together. Those that represent the outlying areas like to have the Drug Advisory Board, because I think you'll see similar indications just like you said, when you look at the other municipalities. But I think it'd be very beneficial for Director Harris, in concert with Chief Lovett and the other Chiefs, to do just what you're asking.

Commissioner Odell said, some of my area, especially on the Southside, Colonial Village and across on Tibet, that area, I've noticed that, you know, looking two years ago, the number of burglaries were almost nonexistent, but now looking at last month, I think we had three or four in both of the communities on both sides of Tibet between Abercorn and White Bluff -- I'm sorry, Middleground Road. The correlation, and maybe it's just my dyslexic seeing of things, I've noticed a large number of people just kinda casually standing around, which, to me, look like they are, you know, drug dealers or what-have-you, which I didn't see a couple of years ago, but I'm seeing an increase in numbers in places that I didn't see them two years ago.

County Manager Abolt said, I will ask Roy to follow up with the Drug Advisory Board and focus on that. I think it'd be very helpful.

Commissioner Odell said, if we could, if you could give the names of the President of those two Associations, we could have a CNT agent to contact the directors of our Neighborhood Associations, I would be most grateful, because I know they represent the neighborhoods also, and it would be good.

Chairman Liakakis said, Patrick?

Commissioner Shay said, Commander, I usually try not to ask questions that I don't already know the answer to, but I'm going to venture into that territory right now. Before you were able to get here, we said that we want to support the state legislation to try and help monitor better the dispensation of drugs that are otherwise legal through pharmacies. But, I don't know, I get a lot of spam on my e-mail, and one of the spams that I get more often than I'd like to see it, I don't know how often, is offering to sell me prescription drugs, and they have names like Vicodin and Percocet and other things, and I've heard those names before, because my wife had major surgery a few years back and she actually got some prescriptions for that when she was recovering. I know these are major painkillers. It's my understanding that if somebody wanted to just respond to that, that they could purchase those kind of drugs over the Internet and have them UPS'd directly to their home. And basically, since the Internet doesn't have geography and doesn't have a law that, you know, knows where it comes from or gives you the opportunity to enforce it, I'm just curious. If somebody did that, if they ordered a whole bunch of Oxycontin, I think it's called, or something like that, over the Internet, once they open that package and receive it in their homes, haven't they committed a crime at that point if they have obtained, you know, drugs without a legal prescription and they have them in their possession?

Commander Harris said, technically, yes. If that's a prescribed drug and they do not have a prescription for it, then they can't possess it.

Commissioner Shay said, I just think, you know, it's a game-changer as far as what little I understand about law enforcement, I've learned primarily from Commissioner Gellatly, but the fact that somebody, rather than bothering to come into, you know, my district and, you know, make a purchase on a street corner, that they can actually just go on the Internet and place an order and have these drugs sent to them, maybe from outside the United States, I don't know, and delivered right to their homes. I mean, this is a whole new way of being able to get access to illegal ways to, you know, consume drugs, and some of these drugs are more powerful than the street drugs that we're used to chasing, aren't they?

Commander Harris said, that's true. That's something that DEA on the national level will have to ultimately address and look at. I can certainly ask our local affiliate --

Commissioner Shay said, if you'd just give, maybe, a memo back or whatever, but I hope that it's illegal for somebody, once they open that package, to possess that stuff, you know, if they have obtained it without getting, you know, a prescription from a physician that's, you know, a real prescription.

Commander Harris said, abuse of prescriptions, you know, we've talked about this several times, is a major problem in this country and in this county today. A part of that problem goes back, if you look at what Commissioner Odell was saying about burglars, almost all of our arrests for people that are illegally obtaining prescription drugs, and they go out and they doctor shop and they do phony pads and everything else that they can do, are being probated. They're not really going to jail, irrespective of how many prior convictions they may have, so we're running into that. But the same thing you're seeing on burglars and other nonviolent criminals, the state prisons are full. I mentioned this before, and these burglars are not going to prison. They're basically going back to be probated, so they're right back out on the streets. And I think this very week, Metro caught a couple of burglars that had just been released. They got a seven- or eight- year sentence and they served, one of them, 365 days, which now is a lot, and he's right back out within a week or two, plying his grade again. Now, for every time you catch a burglar, you figure they probably committed 30 more burglaries in that same time span that you can't connect them to. So what I'm saying is, we're going to see more of this. It's the very same thing of people calling me and saying, so-and-so is selling drugs here and you guys have locked him up a couple of times, why don't you do your job and do something about it. They don't

understand that we are doing our job, that we're only a small part of this equation. We don't have a jail to lock them up in, or a prison, so that's problematic. Until the economy improves, and the State gets more funding to put more beds in for them, we're going to be seeing more and more of that, I'm afraid.

Commissioner Shay said, well, if you can just get some information about the legality or illegality of procuring stuff over the Internet that is -- would otherwise be street illegal, I'd just like to know the answer to that question.

Commander Harris said, we will give it to you within a week.

Commissioner Shay said, thank you, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, Priscilla?

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. Again, thank you, Commander Harris, for all the work that you do and your staff. I really appreciate what goes on in my district as far as CNT. We appreciate the services that you are rendering, not only to my district, but all across Chatham County. I'm wondering, has there ever been any arrest with the suppliers? I mean, you know, the people that actually manufacture this stuff? Because the people that are putting it out on the streets are getting it from somebody, is my point, and I know in my district, I have seen several times various persons, they come in old cars or trucks and they will make their trades right on the street, you know, so they're -- and these are people that are not living in our community. They're coming from elsewhere. So, I mean, which, to me, is probably a supplier of some sort or intermediate person. Has there ever been any arrest at the top?

Commander Harris said, yes, ma'am. These arrests you see here on these figures is the result of a wiretap investigation, six month investigation with DEA, and all of these people that were arrested were mid level and upper suppliers. They don't stand on street corners. They bring their drugs in. And on one occasion where we actually had a cooperating defendant, this defendant called eight or ten lower level people to come meet him and we arrested those people when they showed up. We seized about \$60,000 in three hours, where they were coming to get from him. Within three hours of him calling them, everybody he called was there on the dime, which we drug people, we always laugh that they don't own watches, because they never pay attention to time. These folks were there on the ball. And as these folks came back in from Atlanta, within a few hours, they were -- their product was gone. They had already broken it up, cut it some more, and it was out to the guys that would actually go down, like Commissioner Odell said, give it to the folks that would ultimately sell it on the street in smaller amounts. Yes, ma'am, that's what we're focusing on with these investigations.

County Manager Abolt said, I want to point out, as you all know, and particularly the Chairman, that they have made major busts of distributors. One of the -- not the challenges, but the stricture of working with the federal folks is not to go into great detail, because then there's that specter of tainting the jury pool. But certainly, at the request of any Commissioner, Director Harris could brief you on it, but he's into some serious stuff.

Chairman Liakakis said, Harris?

Commissioner Odell said, just to kinda respond to Dr. Thomas' concern, 20 years ago, drug operations were very centralized, and that is that you had a few major marijuana distributors. You had a few cocaine distributors. And they had their organization. But now, unfortunately, drug enterprises have become more decentralized because -- I'm especially looking at something like your marijuana. We have a lot of little people that run, will drive all night to Texas and buy two bales of marijuana, which is substantially less, and will drive back and will break it up and sell it to the various people who do the hand-to-hand sales. They are tacitly related to some overall enterprise, but drug operations have become more decentralized, so, you know, we used to think that we could catch a kingpin and that that would literally end the drug operation to an extent. But unfortunately, what's happened is, in that it's decentralized, we've got all of these various little players who are illegal business people, who run to other locations to buy their product, and then bring them back here. We will not solve the drug crisis until we are able to stem the market. Until we're able to reduce the demand, there are always going to be people who are dishonest who'll do the supply, and we, as the governing body, to take the next logical step, we're going to have to look seriously at what can we do in Chatham County to reduce the demand. As long as you've got the demand, somebody will supply it, even if they have to come out of town, and you know that you have new people moving into the area when the murder rates of the local distributors increase. New group, changing their location, or coming in from out of town. But if we figure out -- if we spend some money towards the stemming of the tide, and that is, eliminating the desire, the demand, then even if you've got people who sell it, we won't have people who want to buy it.

Chairman Liakakis said, one of the things, Roy, because you, your leadership there has really paid off, you know, and you've got a great amount of good agents that work with you and all, and one of the things that's really important under this report, drugs seized year-to-date, there's \$5,106,000 -- \$5,106,000, of marijuana that was confiscated, that was seized, year-to-date. Here we are just in August right now, and had that amount, then if you put all the drugs seized this year up to now, that's \$6,537,000 worth of drugs, showing that, you know, they're really working in a concentrated area and all. A lot of people don't understand that sometimes on these drug investigations, it might take anywhere from 12, 15, 16 people on one drug investigation, and it's not like, you know, just going out on the street and catching someone selling drugs like that. That's a situation that we've got. But thank you very much, Commander Harris. We appreciate that and all the good work that you and your men do.

Chatham~Savannah Counter Narcotics Team		
Monthly Report	2010	August-September,

NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS*	
Investigations:	Number
Investigations Initiated During the months	153
Active Joint Investigations with other agencies (DEA, ATF, IRS, etc.)	7
Total Number of Investigations Cleared (Arrest, E.C., Unfounded)	136

DRUGS SEIZED			
Drug Type	Value	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	12.2 Grams	\$1,220.00
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	85.7 Grams	\$8,570.00
Methamphetamine	\$100 per gram**	272.2 Grams	\$27,220.00
Marijuana	\$140 per ounce*	916.2 Ounces	\$128,268.00
Heroin	\$250 per gram*	0 Grams	\$0.00
Ecstasy	\$25 Dosage Unit	70 D/U	\$1,750.00
Misc. Pills	\$5 per D/U	557 D/U	\$2,785.00
Hallucinogens	\$10.00 per gram *	0 Grams	\$0

1999 *Source: Office National Drug Control Policy
 ** Source: Established regional average price
 ***Source: IAW National Drug Standards – One marijuana plant equals 2 pounds of processed marijuana.

DRUGS SEIZED—YEAR TO DATE		
Drug Type	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	2,007 Grams	\$200,700.00
Crack Cocaine	274 Grams	\$27,400.00
Methamphetamine	354 Grams	35,400.00
Marijuana	37,388 Ounces	\$5,234,300.00
Heroin	8 Grams	\$2,000.00
Ecstasy	200 D/U	\$5,000.00
Misc. Pills	3,443 D/U	\$17,215.00
Hallucinogens	154 Grams	\$1,540.00

DRUGS PURCHASED			
Drug Type	Value	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	73.10 Grams	\$7,310.00
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	23.60 Grams	\$2,360.00
Methamphetamine	\$100 per gram**	1.00 Grams	\$100.00
Marijuana	\$140 per ounce*	29.00 Ounces	\$4,060.00
Heroin	\$250 per gram*	0 Grams	\$0
Ecstasy	\$25 Dosage Unit	145 D/U	\$3,625.00
Misc. Pills	\$5 per D/U	63 D/U	\$315.00

1999 Source: Office National Drug Control Policy
 ** Source: Established regional average price

WEAPONS SEIZED	
Firearms (including hand guns and long guns)	12
Year To Date Totals	86

PERSONS ARRESTED*	
Felony*	28
Felony Sales/Trafficking	52
Misdemeanor	3
Felony Non-Drug**	6
Total Arrests	89
Year To Date Totals	384

*Felony includes Manufacturing Methamphetamine or Marijuana
 **Non-drug related offenses include firearms violations, Obstruction, Simple Battery, etc.

ADOPTION CASES FROM OTHER AGENCIES		
DATE	AGENCY	OFFENSE
8/13/10	SCMPD	TRAFFICKING COCAINE
8/13/10	SCMPD	TRAFFICKING COCAINE
9/14/10	SCMPD	POSSESSION W/INTENT CRACK
9/23/10	SCMPD	POSSESSION W/INTENT ECSTASY

DRUG COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED		
Drug Complaints	Received	Assigned
Project Log/Official Complaints	2	2
Hot Line / Call-In Complaints	30	30
Green Sheets/ Outside Agencies	2	2
Crime Stopper Complaints	42	42
DRUG COMPLAINTS—YEAR TO DATE	331	317

**DRUG INVESTIGATIONS
HOURS WORKED BY ZONE**

SCMPD – All Precincts TOTAL 4,651

Municipalities TOTAL 1,289

Administrative Hours	1,280
Case Administration	1,280
Pharmaceutical Diversions	480
Central Intelligence	480
Out of County (Task Force Operations, etc.)	36
Assistance Rendered to Outside Agencies	59
Training	162

Court Hours 128
TOTAL 4,019

Total Hours Worked 9,959

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. On August 3, 2010, a subject who was wanted in the recent joint Title III investigation with DEA/ICE turned themselves in and was arrested at CNT without incident.
2. On August 5, 2010, CNT agents concluded a short term investigation involving an undercover CNT agent who was purchasing ecstasy from a subject in Garden City which led to the arrest of one suspect and the seizure of over 50 grams (approximately 125 pills) of ecstasy.
3. On August 11, 2010, CNT agents arrested two subjects in connection with another undercover operation where agents were purchasing methamphetamine (ice).
4. On August 11, 2010, CNT agents, with SCMPD homicide, and SCMPD Swat, executed a search warrant on Beech Street. During an investigation, it was learned that a possible weapon that was utilized in a recent homicide could be hidden at the residence. The subject was also a suspect in several CNT drug complaints as well as ongoing investigations. A search of the residence produced several boxes of unspent ammunition, a large digital scale, and other packaging materials. The suspect was arrested for sale of marijuana and other drug related charges.
5. On August 12, 2010, CNT agents concluded an investigation involving an indoor marijuana grow operation. A search was executed in the 100 block of East 38th Street which led to the seizure of a significant indoor grow operation. Agents seized 10 assorted size marijuana plants, approximately a

pound of dried marijuana, growing aids, lights, timers, fertilizers, and other items used to manufacture marijuana. Four subjects were arrested and charged with manufacturing marijuana.

6. On August 13, 2010, CNT adopted a case from SCMPD involving two subjects in possession of over an ounce of crack cocaine. Agents interviewed both subjects and learned that one of the subjects was on Federal probation and had just recently been released from serving a lengthy prison sentence. Agents conducted consent searches on a vehicle as well as a hotel room at the Thunderbird Hotel that concluded the investigation. Both subjects were charged with trafficking in cocaine.

7. On August 27, 2010, CNT agents conducted a parcel delivery operation involving a suspicious package. After a brief surveillance operation, agents approached the subject and executed a 4th amendment waiver search that resulted in the seizure of over a pound of high grade marijuana, several bags of cocaine, approximately \$500 in currency, and other packaging materials.

8. On 09/01/2010, CNT agents concluded a short term investigation involving the undercover purchase of oxycontin. A buy/bust operation was conducted in Pooler which resulted in three arrests and the seizure of approximately 67 pills of oxycontin, roxycontin, and powder cocaine.

9. On 09/03/2010, CNT agents conducted a surveillance operation after receiving information concerning a residence on Dixon Street that was distributing pound quantities of marijuana. During the surveillance operation agents suspicious behavior which resulted in a later traffic stop of a vehicle. Once the vehicle was stopped the odor of marijuana was overwhelming inside the vehicle and the driver gave consent to search the vehicle. Agents located several pounds of marijuana and arrested both subjects. A search warrant was later obtained on the Dixon Street residence which resulted in the seizure of an additional two pounds of marijuana, packaging materials, and unspent ammunition. In addition, agents arrested the supplier of the marijuana who was located inside the residence.

10. On 09/23/2010, CNT agents received a call for assistance from the Postal Service Inspector. This was in reference to a parcel package that was suspected to contain marijuana. Agents conducted surveillance and waited until the package was picked up at the Post Office. Agents then approached the subject and later obtained search warrants for the package, a residence located in Georgetown, and the suspect's phone. A search of the package resulted in the seizure of a quantity of high grade marijuana, and a search of the residence produced additional marijuana, smoking devices, packaging materials, and a 9mm handgun.

11. On 09/24/2010, CNT agents received information from an informant concerning a subject that was on active parole that was involved in manufacturing methamphetamine. Parole was contacted and both parties went to the suspect's residence to investigate. Upon arrival at the residence located on Old Highway 204, everyone could smell the overwhelming odor of burning chemicals to the point that everyone inside was evacuated. Upon clearing the residence agents observed an active meth lab and had to process the site. Agents trained in meth labs had to remove all the items and a hazardous chemical contract company from DEA had to respond to dispose of all the items. Two subjects were arrested and charged with manufacturing meth with the primary subject being on active parole for another five years. Based on training and experience the amount of precursor items and liquids located would have produced several ounces of finished product/meth.

12. On 09/24/2010, CNT agents concluded a joint investigation with ICE involving several subjects that were depositing large sums of currency in to local banks with subjects in Florida later withdrawing the money. Agents identified a local residence on East 33rd Street and began video surveillance. After a period of time, and coordinating with agents in Florida, a suspect was stopped after visiting a storage unit that had been identified. ICE agents seized approximately \$20,000 in currency and CNT agents made contact with occupants of the residence on 33rd Street. Additional marijuana and bank records were seized from the residence and Federal drug charges will be forthcoming on several subjects. In addition, ICE in Florida will be sharing a portion of the money seizure with CNT.

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RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Commissioner Stone and seconded by Commissioner Holmes, the Board recessed at 11:00 a.m. to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation and land acquisition.

Following adjournment of the Executive Session, the meeting of the Board of Commissioners was reconvened at 11:25 a.m.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to authorize the Chairman to execute an affidavit that the Executive Session was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [Commissioners Holmes and Kicklighter were not present.]

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

APPROVED this _____ day of September, 2010.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman, Board of
Commissioners of Chatham County, Georgia

Barbara B. Wright, Acting Clerk