

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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 9:20 a.m.

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II. INVOCATION

Commissioner David M. Gellatly gave the Invocation.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner James Holmes 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 called the roll.

Present: Pete Liakakis, 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
 Barbara B Wright, Acting County Clerk

Chairman Liakakis said, we need a motion on the floor to excuse Commissioner Thomas. Her husband had to go to the hospital, and she's there with him now.

Commissioner Odell said, so move.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to excuse Commissioner Thomas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stone and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was excused.]

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH. ALAN CANADY WILL BE RECEIVING THE PROCLAMATION.

Chairman Liakakis said, Commissioner Patrick Farrell will do the presentation. If there is anybody else here with Alan that you'd like to come up with you, that'll be fine. Come up to the podium, please.

Commissioner Farrell said, good morning, and read the proclamation:

The County of Chatham
 Georgia

 Proclamation

WHEREAS, recovery from substance use disorders is possible through a variety of treatment resources and recovery support programs. Thousands of people across the United States are living happy, healthy, and productive lives in recovery; and

WHEREAS, stress can contribute to substance use disorders, and finding a positive outlet for dealing with stress is crucial as people continue to face stressful situations in their lives. Nearly half of Americans reported that their stress levels had increased over the past year with as many as 30 percent rating their stress levels as extreme; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, an estimated 23.1 million people of every age, race, ethnicity, and socio-economic status needed treatment for substance dependence or abuse in the United States. Substance use disorders are a treatable, yet serious health care problem, and our community must take steps to address it. Educating our community about how substance use disorders affect all people in the community, including public safety officials, the workforce, older adults, and families, therefore is essential to combat misconceptions associated with addiction; and

WHEREAS, to help more people enter a path of recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and the Chatham County Commission invite all residents to participate in National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month (Recovery Month).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pete Liakakis, Commission Chairman, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of Chatham County, Georgia, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2010 as

NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH

in Chatham County and call upon the people of the county to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Now More Than Ever!"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 17th day of September, 2010.

 Pete Liakakis, Chairman
 Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

 Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
 Assistant to the Chairman

Chairman Liakakis said, Alan, if you'd like to, you know, make some comments, that's fine.

Alan Canady said, yes, briefly, just to thank the County Commissioners and you, as Chairman, for this proclamation. We had your presence at our Pancake Breakfast in Johnson Square. We greatly appreciate that. I think if one is going to suffer from this disorder, one would be very fortunate if they were in Chatham County, where they can receive the support that is overwhelming, and we just thank you for that, and the community thanks you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much, Alan, and we all appreciate, and the citizens appreciate the organization to do this, because it's an important program to help those that are in need, and they've been successful before, so thanks again for that.

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2. PROCLAMATION FOR POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY. ROBERT TAYLOR WILL BE RECEIVING THE PROCLAMATION.

Chairman Liakakis said, Robert Taylor will be receiving the proclamation, and if he has anybody else from the organization, please come to the podium, also. Chairman Liakakis read the proclamation.



WHEREAS, Chatham County and all of its citizens join the Nation in honoring the memories of all our Prisoners-of-War (POWs) and all of our soldiers Missing-in-Action on this very special POW-MIA Recognition Day; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Vietnam Veterans of America-Savannah Chapter 671, along with their friends and families, will be holding their annual recognition to honor the 87,483 POW-MIAs who remain unaccounted for, as well as those former POW-MIAs who have faithfully returned; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., the American POW-MIA flags will be proudly flown above the Vietnam Memorial in Emmett Park in salute of the former POWs from the Chatham County area; and

WHEREAS, in observing POW-MIA Recognition Day, Vietnam Veterans of America-Savannah Chapter 671 is helping to keep alive the memories of and prayers for those 1,711 POW-MIAs still unaccounted for.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pete Liakakis, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim, Friday, September 17, 2010 as:

POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY

in Chatham County as we honor the memories of the 3,347 POW-MIAs from World War I; 74,213 from World War II; 8,039 from the Korea War; 1,773 from the War in Vietnam; 107 from the Cold War, and 4 from the War on Terror. In recognition of the 87,483 husbands, sons, and fathers - LEST WE FORGET, and ask all citizens to join in thanking and in paying very special tribute to all POW-MIAs for the sacrifices they made to their nation - The United States of America.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 17th day of September, 2010.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

Chairman Liakakis said, I'm glad to present this to the Vietnam Veterans Organization 671, because they have kept this up, and many other things that they have in this community, that they have volunteered for and helped in many ways with our present military and also the veterans.

Robert Taylor said, I've got the latest update as far as MIAs. This is as of September 10th. There are still 1711 Americans listed by the Department of Defense as missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War. Others have been identified, but not yet announced, as they are awaiting family notification by the Service Casualty Officers. The number of Americans returned and identified since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 is now 872. We have another 63 U.S. personnel recovered post-incident and identified before the end of the war that bring the total to 935. They're still working on it. They've got teams over there in Vietnam, trying to bring any MIAs home to their families. I'd like to introduce our State President for Vietnam Veterans of America, Lionel Marmoleno, to say a few words.

Lionel Marmoleno said, each year, we come here in recognition of the POW-MIAs, and each year, Pete Liakakis, along with the Commission, have been kind and generous to us to issue a proclamation. We Vietnam Veterans of America appreciate that and thank you so much for it. I'm reminded each year, even though we're getting a little bit older, it's unlikely, but perhaps there's still a mother and a dad waiting for their child's remains to be delivered, to come home

and to be buried. Time goes on. Many people die. And our hearts are broken for these family members and for all who are involved in that. This is our reason to keep this issue alive, so that people will know there are folks who sacrificed their lives for this country, and they gave what Abraham Lincoln called "the last great measure of devotion." And so we thank you, and the Vietnam Veterans of America salute the Commissioners and you for your proclamation.

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Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, at this time, due to an oversight, I'd like to make a motion to amend the agenda and add Van Johnson and the Chatham County Youth Commission to the agenda as Number 3 under Proclamations and Special Presentations.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to amend the agenda to add the Chatham County Youth Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farrell and carried unanimously. [Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

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3. CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

Van Johnson said, good morning. Thank you, Commissioner Kicklighter. The summer season has come and gone. Labor Day is now a distant memory. School has returned and so has college football. The National Football League, everyone now has an equal chance at being a Super Bowl contender, and it's now illegal to wear white and the weather has taken on a crisp, cool feel. In Chatham County, these signs can only mean one thing, the swearing-in ceremony of the Chatham County Youth Commission. Phenomenal is one of the many words that you could use to adequately and accurately describe this organization; your creation. Since the formation of the Chatham County Youth Commission in 1992, we have witnessed this Government through youth leadership organization blossom into a nationally-known and recognized best practice, and your colleagues across the country have not only taken notice, but they have followed your lead. Your fingerprints are across the country. Just go to Fulton County, in the Atlanta area, and we are there; or Prince Georges County, Maryland; we are there. Or perhaps you'd like to go to Alachua County down in Gainesville, and we are there, or try Dougherty County or Riverdale, Georgia, or Newnan, Georgia, or DeKalb County, Georgia, and now even in Miami, Florida. Your reach, your legacy, your fingerprints, your impact, is felt there. Or you might just want to add some of the 300 plus graduates of this program, who are lawyers, military officers, government and medical professionals, graduate students, managers, and gainfully employed citizens who are engaged in their communities because of what they learned here. This year, we featured our most demanding candidacy class to date. We scoured our county, looking for young people with the attitude and aptitude to learn and to serve. Over 50 young people responded, and we put them through the test. They had to dedicate their entire summer to us. They wore these dreaded white T-shirts. They learned about their community. They went from Elba Island to Recorder's Court to Hunter Army Air Field. They rode Chatham Area Transit across our community from Memorial Medical Center even to our Chatham County Detention Center, giving us reports on assignments daily. As a matter of fact, our entire candidacy class this year, I'm proud to say, is First Aid and CPR certified. What a wonderful additive to add in the school system. But some could not handle the pressure. Some walked away gracefully, and some needed help walking away, but the dust has settled, and we present to you 21 outstanding young people who we're adding to our family today. All said, we present to you 43 young people in total, some that you already know, young ambassadors who will help you keep Chatham County an attractive place to live, work, and play. Certainly, we -- although Dr. Thomas is not with us, we certainly feel her presence and when we talked about the issues with her husband, she said, "Go on and do the work," so we are moving in that area, but we could not do it without her support and her vision. Certainly, all of your support, the support of our County Manager, Mr. Abolt, and our Assistant, Mr. Monahan, my director, Mr. Kaigler, and certainly a phenomenal staff that works with me every single day in mentoring these young people, Ms. Debra Allen, who's over there, Ms. Takiyah Martin, Ms. Marilyn Rodriguez, our graduate advisor, Ms. Taqwaa Saleem, Ms. Zadonna Slay, who is here, Mr. John Hawkins, and certainly, Mr. Pete Nichols, who would walk out here if he could. We also want to thank the parents, and we have parents and loved ones who are here today to witness our affirmation of these young people's potential, and I would ask all of the parents and loved ones to please stand. Thank you very much. I'm not sure that they know what they got themselves into. I want to present to you Ms. Samantha Schikowski, who is the Chair of the 2010-2011 Chatham County Youth Commission.

Ms. Schikowski said, good morning, Honorable Chairman Liakakis, members of the Commission, and Ladies and Gentlemen. My name is Samantha Schikowski, and I serve as Chairperson of the Chatham County Youth Commission. I'm honored to stand here before you and welcome -- join you in welcoming Youth Commission's 18th year of existence. Before I can go any further, I must first give special thanks to Commissioner Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, as she is not only the founder of Youth Commission, but a phenomenal woman in every which way. I'd also like to give thanks to Mr. Russ Abolt, as he shows us continuous support. Behind me sits an extraordinary group of students, new and returning Youth Commissioners alike. Special acknowledgments go out to the new Youth Commissioners who have definitely completed the most rigorous candidacy program yet. I congratulate all of you for making it thus far, as you prove that you truly have what it takes to be Youth Commissioners, as you've shown nothing but hard work and dedication throughout the summer. Congratulations. As you all know, we are modeled after the Chatham County Commission and as all of you represent your different districts and different backgrounds, you come together and put your differences aside to serve Chatham County, we do just the same, as we represent our different high schools and different ethnicities and religious backgrounds and personal beliefs, and come together to serve Chatham County to

better our community for the youth. I know that we can definitely raise the standards set forth before us by staying true to our core values and affirmation statement. Youth Commissioners, please stand. What are our core values?

The Youth Commissioners responded: Respect, Success, Influence, Integrity, Leadership.

Ms. Schikowski said, as Chatham County Youth Commissioners, we shall:

The Youth Commissioners responded: Excel in our school, community, and government; be responsible and respectful young adults; make a difference in our community by reaching our full potential; and be strong student leaders by providing safe and inviting opportunities for youth.

Ms. Schikowski said, thank you, you may be seated. I know that this can and will be the best Youth Commission term yet, as we will definitely stay true to our motto, "Vocalizing Our Views For A Prosperous Future", and take that one step further and implement our goals, as well. I would take this time to acknowledge my leadership team. Please stand as I call your name. Kristin Palmares, Vice Chairperson; Alexis Brisbon, Secretary; Portia Bosco, Parliamentarian; Carley Dawson, Executive Board Member; Jazmine Ellis, Executive Board Member, and Joe Drought, Executive Board Member-Elect. I look forward to working with each and every one of you, and I know that this can definitely be our year. Thank you.

Mr. Johnson said, thank you very much, and now we will introduce our Youth Commission, and then, Mr. Chairman, we'll ask you to come down and administer the oath of office. We'll just have you stand and have a seat after your name is called. Mr. Johnson then called the following members of the Chatham County Youth Commission for 2010-2011:

	<u>SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>TERM</u>
CHAIR:			
Ms. Samantha Schikowski	Johnson High School	SR	3rd*
VICE CHAIR:			
Ms. Kristen Palmares	Calvary Day	SR	3rd*
SECRETARY:			
Ms. Alexis Brisbon	St. Vincent's Academy	JR	2nd
PARLIAMENTARIAN:			
Ms. Portia Bosco	Windsor Forest	JR	2nd
EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:			
Mr. Joseph Drought	Benedictine	JR	2nd
Ms. Carley Dawson	Savannah Arts	SR	3rd*
Ms. Jazmine Ellis	Groves High School	SR	3rd*
MEMBER			
Ms. Brianna Adams	Johnson High	SO	1st
Ms. Emily Bermudez	Windsor Forest	SO	1st
Ms. Briyona Brack	Savannah Arts	JR	2nd
Mr. Eric Brantley	Jenkins High	JR	2nd
Ms. Shakira Bush	Groves High	SO	1st
Ms. Victoria Conley	Bible Baptist	JR	1st
Ms. Nia Dawson	Savannah Arts	SO	1st
Mr. Jared Grant	Savannah Arts	SO	1st
Ms. Khadijah Green	Savannah Arts	JR	2nd
Ms. Mikelyn Green	Calvary Day	SO	1st
Ms. Claire Hammond	Savannah Arts	SO	1st
Ms. Jasmine Henderson	Groves High	JR	1st
Mr. Matthew Hodge	Savannah High	SO	1st
Ms. Mallorie Holmes	Windsor Forest	SO	1st
Ms. Gabrielle Hunter	St. Vincent's Academy	JR	1st
Mr. Richard Jackson	Beach	JR	2nd
Mr. Jomell Johnson	Early College	SR	2nd*
Mr. Kenneth Johnson	Jenkins	JR	2nd
Ms. Avonna Kemp	Savannah High	SO	1st
Ms. Robin Laguerre	Beach	JR	2nd
Ms. Brittany Miller	Savannah Arts	JR	2nd
Ms. Nikkia McNeal	Johnson High	SR	1st*
Ms. Jasmine Moran	St. Vincent's Academy	JR	1st
Ms. Alexis Parker	St. Vincent's Academy	SO	1st
Ms. Lydia Peay	Savannah Christian	SO	1st
Ms. Brianna Polite	Windsor Forest	SO	1st
Mr. Brandon Sanders	Windsor Forest	JR	2nd
Mr. Harry Scott	Savannah Arts	JR	2nd
Ms. Aigner Smith	Jenkins	JR	2nd
Ms. Anika Smith	St. Vincent's Academy	JR	1st
Mr. Bryan Smith	Jenkins	JR	2nd
Ms. AnnMarie Wakely	Savannah Christian	SR	3rd*

Ms. Charvian Williams	Johnson High	SO	1st
Ms. Samantha Zellner	Savannah High	SO	1st

Mr. Johnson said, let's give a big round of applause for them, please.

Chairman Liakakis administered the Oath of Loyalty to the Chatham County Youth Commissioners.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much. We appreciate all the families and all of the family members and, of course, friends and others who came here for the Youth Commission. We appreciate you supporting all of your loved ones and friends, because this is important, the Youth Commission, that was came up with and had the idea is Commissioner Priscilla Thomas, who's in the hospital and, of course, she's there with her husband, Nathaniel, and we pray for her, and we really appreciate her participation in the Youth Commission and all of the other things she does for Chatham County. So, if you'd like to leave right now, that's fine, but you're welcome to stay if you want to listen to some other county business.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

None.

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

1. LEAD AWARENESS CAMPAIGN WITH CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL, DR. MILDRED MCCLAIN (COMMISSIONER HOLMES).

Chairman Liakakis said, Commissioner Holmes brought Dr. Mildred McClain here to go over this Awareness Campaign. Please come to the podium.

Dr. Mildred McClain said, good morning, and thank you for the opportunity. I'm going to be very brief this morning, but we wanted to come and give you an update on the Lead Awareness Campaign that we presented to you in the year of 2008. We have come to the end of our grant with the Center for Disease Control, and we've accomplished a tremendous amount of work over the past two years, and it is our hope that we'll be able to continue, because our work is not yet finished. Hit the first slide, please. We were made aware of the lead problem in Savannah, Chatham County, by the Center for Disease Control in 2007. As a result of them working with us and presenting the problem, we engaged in our own research and discovered that, indeed, we did have a problem in Savannah, Chatham County. The Center for Disease Control then subcontracted us to launch a Lead Awareness Campaign, and because we were a community-based organization, we worked with different partners to launch this campaign, and our first order of business was to make a presentation to this honorable body.

What is the problem in Savannah, Chatham County? The problem is that most of our housing stock is pre-1978, and for those of you who know about lead paint, you know that most of the homes pre-1978 more than likely have lead paint inside, and lead is a poison substance. Not only was lead a problem in Savannah, but also in Chatham County. Eighty point five percent of the housing stock in Savannah is pre-1978; 64.8% is pre-1978 in Chatham County. We were informed by the Georgia Lead Poisoning Prevention Center out of Atlanta that at least 12,000 children on the Medicaid rolls have not been tested for lead, those children under the age of six. There was also an inconsistency in the lead policy for the state, the city, and the county. There was not an opportunity or a capacity to enforce when lead was found in a home. There were no abatement strategies and, as a whole, there was a problem of awareness about lead in our city and our county. Next slide, please.

So what was the solution? We decided to launch a Lead Awareness Campaign, and we adopted the slogan, "For Our Children, We Care." We developed a partnership between the Harambee House Citizens for Environmental Justice with the Center for Disease Control, along with the Georgia Lead Poisoning Prevention Center under the leadership of Mr. Forrest Staley, the Chatham County Health Department and EOA and Head Start. What were our goals, our areas of work? We decided that there were three primary areas of work that needed our attention: One, education and outreach; Two, Training; and Policy. We launched a series of activities, health fairs. I'm going to ask Ms. Cohen, who is our partner at EOA, to come and talk a little bit about what we did in terms of testing children, how we conducted our outreach activities, for about thirty seconds. Ms. Cohen.

Ms. Gladys Cohen said, good morning. We've tested over 800 children in the past two years. We did fairs. Instead of doing something for Halloween, we did a lead awareness festival. We had parents to come out. At that point, we had over a thousand people to come out, and tested about 300 children on that day, and making sure that the levels -- and we did find some that were above the level. Their parents had no idea. Now, the other part that contributes to that is, we have children dying, still, from lead poisoning today, which is not good. No child should die because of what they don't know. It's like another silent killer, like our blood pressure. We need to get these children tested. The funds are limited, the outreach is limited, and we need to make sure that no child dies. Not only that, but the positive lead when they're young also leads to some of the violent activity as they get older, as they become teenagers, because they never got treated. The lead doesn't just go away, and it's now even going to the point where they're testing people in the prison system, in the justice system, even juvenile justice system, finding out that some of these behaviors and these angers stem from high lead levels with children. Lead has a sweet taste, the paint, in it, and the more lead in

the paint, the sweeter it tastes. That's why children tend to eat it. There are too many children dying, too many mothers crying, because their children have lead in them, and we need to do something about that in Chatham County. We're supposed to be first. We're the oldest community – one of the oldest communities in the state and in the country. We need to make sure that we don't have children dying from lead.

Dr. McClain said, we want to keep Savannah beautiful across the board. In terms of education, we developed a curriculum that we've been using to train parents, residents, leaders. We had a five module curriculum, and since then we've added Module 6 and 7, and that is dedicated for homeowners, for property owners, for landlords, to make sure that they know what the policy is and how that should be enforced. One of the accomplishments as Ms. Cohen said, we have already tested -- right now, it's over 800 children. We found about 20% with a blood lead level higher than 10, and we know that that is a problem, because it leads to dysfunctional behavior in the schools. The research – and we've given to your Chair as well as our Commissioner for District 2, a notebook that holds in it some of the research that has been done that proves the negative impact of lead on our population. As I said, we've developed the trainer course. We are training parents and residents to be able to train each other to detect the lead, to be able to assess the lead, and where to go for lead abatement. We've developed a partnership with Senator Lester Jackson's office, as well as Savannah College of Art & Design. We've brought a couple of posters to show you what those students are doing in terms of helping us to get the word out.

What is our path forward? We are now moving the campaign from simple lead awareness to the development of healthy homes. We want our homes lead-free. Secondly, we are applying for a HUD grant that would help us with the abatement strategy. Savannah/Chatham County was asked last year to submit a proposal. It was submitted. It was rejected. To that extent, we are now working with the Interim Assistant City Manager, Stephanie Cutter, to develop a Lead Task Force, which will work with CDC, the Chatham County Health Department, the Georgia Lead Poison Prevention Center, Savannah State University, in crafting a new proposal, because there's something like a little over a million dollars that's available that would assist us in lead abatement strategy. I want to ask Reverend Cutter to end this presentation about where we go from here on the lead, and thank you so much, and we look forward to strengthening the partnership between the Chatham County Commissioners and this project.

Chairman Liakakis said, Mildred, before you leave, why was the grant application rejected? Did they give you a reason for that?

Dr. McClain said, it was not a strong proposal. The Georgia Lead Poisoning Prevention Center took the lead on that and there were some areas that they did not address properly or appropriately, and one of those was not having partnerships with a community-based organization and the city local government. But we are going to remedy that this time. We're almost assured of getting that grant, and that's why we're coming before you, because we want to make sure that we can get a letter of support from you for that proposal. This proposal is going to be developed out of the Assistant City Manager's office.

Chairman Liakakis said, Dean.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. I notice when purchasing a home, the buyers have to sign that they've received notification and they've received a little pamphlet about the potential lead in the house and all, if the house was built prior to 1978. Is there a law, or do you know if there's a law out there where landlords would have to provide, you know, the person leasing the home with the same type information, have them sign within the lease? Do you know if that exists?

Dr. McClain said, they're supposed to. There is a disclosure, a rule. The problem is enforcement and compliance. What we've found in terms of houses that have been identified -- or if they're identified with lead, what the landlord can do is simply ask that family to move and then re-rent that property to those who do not have children, and they do not have to obey. That's why we're trying to work at the state level, as well as the city and county level, to make sure that those loopholes are closed.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I know the enforcement would be there on the realtor selling homes, but it seems to me that the lower socio-economic class, which would tend to possibly have to rent or lease –

Dr. McClain said, that's where one of the greatest problems exists.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, -- because the notification enforcement is not out there for that, so, you know.

Dr. McClain said, -- and we at one time had a grant through the city that would have allowed us to do that, but we were barred from that grant for a number of years because the grant was not handled properly.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, come on up.

Reverend Vernell Cutter said, again, good morning. Thank you again for the opportunity to come before you, especially to you, Chairman Liakakis, because you've always been involved with us in the past 21 years. We thank you, Commissioner Holmes, for giving us the opportunity to come before you. Where do we go from here? We need a person from the county to come and join this task force, that will not only be lead, but all hazardous materials to keep Chatham County safe for our children and for all residents. That's where we go from here, continued collaboration.

Dr. McClain said, I just want to make sure that we answer any other questions that you might have. When he says the path forward is around abatement, we've been participating in the healthy homes work. We're going now to Atlanta

to become certified health homes inspectors. And what they told us is that testing the children is very, very important, but it's sort of using the children as a buffer, or sort of a go-between in terms of the real problem, because the real problem is being able to abate the lead in the homes. We've got to take the lead out. But that's a very expensive process, and that's why we're going for this HUD grant, because it will assist us in being able to afford to abate the lead. The other thing that we're doing is, we do have a worker education job training program, where we are actually training residents to be able to assess lead in the home, detect that lead, as well as abate it. We've graduated now over the past five years at least 105 graduates who are certified by the Feds to go and do the abatement, and now we are making sure that they get jobs doing that.

Commissioner Holmes said, let me say thank you for you and your staff for coming in and sharing that information with us. I know Dr. Skelton will be happy to know that we have some citizens and leaders in Chatham County that are tackling some of the issues that we have already been tackling.

Dr. McClain said, thank you. And as I said, we do look forward to having someone appointed from the Commission to work with this task force in securing this, like I said, I think it's a little bit over a million dollar grant that we could certainly use in our city and our county. Any other questions?

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much. We appreciate you coming up here and all the work that you have done over the years.

Dr. McClain said, and we did leave some information for each of the Commissioners on your desk.

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Commissioner Kicklighter said, would anyone up here have a problem with amending the agenda to handle the rest of the Commission items and then go to the CAT part? Because I know I have to leave, and I think I heard some others, too. It should run quick.

Commissioner Shay said, I'd like to hold Item 2 on the regular agenda. Some people from the U.S. Green Building Council are planning on being here for the LEED part and they're not here yet, because they thought the CAT meeting was going to happen first.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay, that's fine, that's fine. Let's just go ahead. I'll just have to --

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

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2. PRE-PAID WIRELESS 911 COLLECTIONS (COMMISSIONER STONE).

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Over the last few months, I have attended several meetings in regard to the E-911 Centers that are throughout our state and are our first contact in the event of an emergency. And last year, very late in the Session, House Bill 1442 by Representative Lunsford was dropped. No action was taken on this bill because it was dropped very late in the Session. The bottom line -- I'm going to pass this out to you all, ACCG has made this a top priority for the five things that they're going to pick this year to really lobby hard on, because this prepaid wireless money means about 7 or 8 million dollars a year that is supposed to come back to the counties to assist with our 911 Centers, with the funding and with the training, and we're not getting it. It is not even being appropriated to DCA to be then disseminated back to the counties. Over the last few years, we've lost almost 20 -- between 23 and 24 million dollars that would be funding our 911 Centers. So the Association of County Commissioners is looking at creating an authority that will be made up of some of the emergency management staff throughout the state, as well as some of the elected officials, as well as some of the members of the Governor's 911 Advisory Council, to look into and create an authority that will -- once these funds are -- make sure that these funds are put in DCA's budget and then make sure that the funds get back to the counties. So I wanted you all to be aware of this, to be talking to your legislators. I know this is going to be a very difficult year to take candy from the babies, but this is our money. It's not the state's money. It is money that is taxed on a prepaid wireless phone that is supposed to come back to fund our 911 Centers, and I think everybody in this room probably has a story of the value of 911, and I do not want our 911 Centers to be understaffed or undertrained because the state will not appropriate this money. So I hope that you all will read this. This is one of the five top items for ACC to be lobbying for this year, and I think it's going to be to our detriment if we do not get this money, and I'm going to fight pretty hard to get it, because I know how important our 911 Centers are. And like I said, these are our -- this is money that the citizens of this state pay, and it should not go into the general fund for the state. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Farrell said, Helen, so you're saying that the prepaid cell phones, they are paying the tax, but it's not going to the appropriate 911 Centers?

Commissioner Stone said, that is correct. And I also have some additional information on that and about the -- that I just gave to the County Manager about the breakdown on how this authority would be set up, but here again, just like the prison per diem, this is another avenue that the state is collecting revenues and not appropriating it back to where it needs to go. And I can't tell you, I've spent a lot of time going to these 911 Advisory Council meetings. The technology that we need to be investing in, we're not going to be able to afford, and this is why this tax is put on these prepaid wireless phones. Now, we are -- let me make this very clear, we are receiving the monies from the contract wireless, but this is another \$8 million a year out there that we're supposed to be getting that we're not getting.

Commissioner Farrell said, would you say that the General Assembly is not following their own guidelines for appropriating these funds?

Commissioner Stone said, that is correct.

Commissioner Farrell said, that's very concerning, when the lawmakers become something else.

Commissioner Stone said, well, I can assure you, I just spent the last few days with the emergency management at an emergency management conference in Athens, and I can tell you that these men and women that dedicate their time and their careers to emergency services, this is very hard for them to get their arms around. The fact that they're out there doing the best they can, and the money that should be appropriated to their centers is not coming to them. So I'm just very concerned about this. I think that it's something that we, as a Commission, need to fight for, because I cannot express to you the value of our 911 Centers.

Chairman Liakakis said, Dave?

Commissioner Gellatly said, Commissioner Stone, how long have they been collecting this money? A couple years?

Commissioner Stone said, about three years. They said the total that's owed is somewhere between 23 and 24 million dollars.

Commissioner Gellatly said, but the difference is they're actually -- you gave comparisons with the jail. That's money that's owed, okay?

Commissioner Stone said, right.

Commissioner Gellatly said, you're talking about money that's actually been collected. Right?

Commissioner Stone said, correct.

Commissioner Gellatly said, who is benefitting from that? Where exactly -- if they take in \$100, where is that \$100 going to right now?

Commissioner Stone said, the state general fund.

Commissioner Gellatly said, in the general fund?

Commissioner Stone said, correct.

Commissioner Gellatly said, okay, that's a big difference, because, unlike with the jail, where they're getting all this money --

Commissioner Stone said, well, I understand. I'm just saying this is another one of these deals that we can't seem to get paid for the state for what we are rightfully owed, just as our jail per diem. We are rightfully owed that.

Commissioner Gellatly said, well, I think if they've actually collected this money and actually put it into a fund somewhere, when we get it straightened out, we ought to get every dime three years back, and if we have to go after them legally, we ought to do that, also.

Commissioner Stone said, well, in this -- in creating this authority, there is the ability to do audits, and this will help some of the smaller counties that can't come up with the money to do audits, to see what they're owed, so I hope that -- otherwise, this is a lot of paper work, but I hope that you all will take a few minutes to glance at the information that I've provided on House Bill 1442 and just look at how it's set up to create this authority, to bring awareness to the State Representatives that this is money that not only belongs to the counties, but it is there to fund an emergency service.

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Commissioner Gellatly said, I would request that Commissioner Kicklighter be excused. He has a very important meeting that he has to open up.

Commissioner Shay said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Gellatly moved that Commissioner Kicklighter be excused. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shay and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was excused. Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

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CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT

The Board recessed as the County Commission at 10:10 a.m. and convened as the Chatham Area Transit Authority.

Upon adjournment of the Chatham Area Transit Authority, the Board reconvened as the Chatham County Commission at 11:00 a.m.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

- 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.**

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
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

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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: (1) appropriate \$2,500 in the Confiscated Assets fund for an audit of the CNT property room, (2) appropriate \$15,145 in the Sheriff Confiscated fund for a vehicle, (3) in the General Fund M&O: a) increase revenue and Transfer Out to the Capital Improvement Program fund \$47,400 from sale of surplus equipment, b) transfer \$83,672 from the Mosquito Control operating budget to Transfer Out to the Capital Improvement Program fund, and c) increase revenues and expenditures to recognize the roll-forward of 2010 encumbrance balances of \$112,425, and (4) increase revenues in the Capital Improvement Program fund \$131,072 Transfer in From General Fund M&O, and increase the Mosquito Control Helicopter Project \$131,072.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: (1) appropriate \$2,500 in the Confiscated Assets fund for an audit of the CNT property room, (2) appropriate \$15,145 in the Sheriff Confiscated fund for a vehicle, (3) in the General Fund M&O: a) increase revenue and Transfer Out to the Capital Improvement Program fund \$47,400 from sale of surplus equipment, b) transfer \$83,672 from the Mosquito Control operating budget to Transfer Out to the Capital Improvement Program fund, and c) increase revenues and expenditures to recognize the roll-forward of 2010 encumbrance balances of \$112,425, and (4) increase revenues in the Capital Improvement Program fund \$131,072 Transfer in From General Fund M&O, and increase the Mosquito Control Helicopter Project \$131,072. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stone and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Thomas and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1
AGENDA DATE: September 17, 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: (1) appropriate \$2,500 in the Confiscated Assets fund for an audit of the CNT property room, (2) appropriate \$15,145 in the Sheriff Confiscated fund for a vehicle, (3) in the General Fund M&O: a) increase revenue and Transfer Out to the Capital Improvement Program fund \$47,400 from sale of surplus equipment, b) transfer

\$83,672 from the Mosquito Control operating budget to Transfer Out to the Capital Improvement Program fund, and c) increase revenues and expenditures to recognize the roll-forward of 2010 encumbrance balances of \$112,425, and (4) increase revenues in the Capital Improvement Program fund \$131,072 Transfer in From General Fund M&O, and increase the Mosquito Control Helicopter Project \$131,072.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Counter Narcotics Team Director has requested an appropriation of confiscated revenue for an audit of the CNT property room. The amount is \$2,500. A staff report is attached.
2. The Sheriff has requested an appropriation of confiscated revenue to purchase a vehicle. The amount is \$15,145. Correspondence is attached.
3. The Mosquito Control Director has located a helicopter to purchase. Funds will come from proceeds of a sale of surplus equipment, a transfer from the Mosquito Control operating budget and the existing Mosquito Control project in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). An amendment to the CIP fund will move the funds into one project budget. A staff report and resolutions are attached.
4. A portion of the fund balance in the General Fund M&O 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 budget amendment approved at the August 27, 2010 meeting for encumbrances did not include an encumbrance of \$112,425 that had been approved by the Board at the June 25, 2010 meeting. The attached resolution will bring the FY2011 budget in balance with actual encumbrances. A copy of the June 25, 2010 Board action is attached.

FUNDING: Funds are available in the Confiscated Assets, the Sheriff Confiscated funds and General Fund M&O for the transfers. The budget amendment will create funding in the General Fund M&O and the Capital Improvement Program Fund.

ALTERNATIVES:

- (1) That the Board approve the following:

CONFISCATED ASSETS FUND

Transfer \$2,500 from CNT contingency for an audit of the CNT property room.

SHERIFF CONFISCATED FUND

Transfer \$15,145 from contingency to purchase a vehicle.

GENERAL FUND M&O

- a) Increase revenue and Transfer Out to the Capital Improvement Program Fund \$47,400 from sale of surplus equipment,
- b) Transfer \$83,672 from the Mosquito Control operating budget to Transfer Out to the Capital Improvement Program Fund,
- c) Increase revenues and expenditures to recognize the roll-forward of 2010 encumbrance balances of \$112,425.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND

Increase revenues \$131,072 Transfer in from General Fund M&O, and increase the Mosquito Control Helicopter Project \$131,072.

- (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. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A POLICY CHANGE BY DIRECTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY CODE TO REQUIRE THAT NEW CHATHAM COUNTY FUNDED BUILDINGS AND ALL CHATHAM COUNTY FUNDED BUILDING RENOVATIONS COSTING MORE THAN \$100,000 BE DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED TO ACHIEVE AT LEAST LEED SILVER CERTIFICATION STANDARDS.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Stone, Gentlemen, this is exciting. I mean that with the utmost sincerity. Your evolution as a green county continues. The leadership certainly that Commissioner Shay brought forward several years ago now is really seeing fruition, and I want to compliment, certainly the citizens of the Environmental Forum, but in this particular case, Mr. Monahan and Dr. Lewandowski. They've taken the vision of you

and some well-intended citizens, and they're now developing extremely practical and measurable strategy. So I want to turn it over now to Dr. Lewandowski, who will also tell you in advance he thanks you for the helicopter.

Commissioner Odell said, make a motion to approve.

Commissioner Farrell said second.

Chairman Liakakis said, I have a motion on the floor and a second to approve. Let's go on -- oh, excuse me.

Commissioner Shay said, well, at least allow Dr. Lewandowski to speak, but we also have representatives from the U.S. Green Building Council and Chatham Environmental Forum, who would like to have a second to tell us how good we're doing.

Chairman Liakakis, said, oh, okay, go ahead.

Dr. Henry Lewandowski said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission. Today, I'm before you, not as Mosquito Control Director, but as one who volunteered to help implement the plan of the Chatham Environmental Forum, the road map to becoming the greenest county. County Staff has been working on a number of projects, such as calculating the total energy used by county operations, identifying the five most energy-consuming buildings in the county, becoming a bronze level partner in Sustainable Georgia, and Pat Monahan secured a \$300,000 grant to implement first-year energy-saving goals. So this initiative to require county buildings and major renovations to achieve LEED certification is a continuation of that effort, and it's certainly a worthy goal for our community. So I'm asking you to create this policy that would be this step -- to take this step in this direction and continue on our journey of becoming the greenest county. Thank you very much.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you, Henry. Patrick?

Commissioner Shay said, Henry, thank you for the research that you've done on this. You've also been a very religious attendee of Chatham Environmental Forum meetings and always given us great reports on the progress that the county is making and the leadership that we're showing in our community for other governments to be able to look at and say, hey, you know, if those guys over there at the county can do it, why shouldn't we. Some of the research that you did showed us how much of the savings actually accrue to the taxpayers. I don't want anybody out there to think that what we're doing is out there gilding buildings when we make them LEED gold. We're talking about a program that ultimately and pretty quickly pays back a sizable return on investment to the taxpayers of Chatham County in conserved energy costs, and I appreciate the research that you did in order to come to that conclusion. I was wondering maybe if Denise or Gwen would like to come forward and just real -- say a brief word to us about your help. I know, Denise, you've been helpful in providing information to Dr. Lewandowski and been an advocate for this for a long time.

Denise Grabowski said, yes, thank you, Commissioner Shay. My name is Denise Grabowski. I'm the Chair of the U.S. Green Building Council, Savannah, and Vice Chair of the U.S. Green Building Council, Georgia, Board of Directors, and it is an absolute pleasure to be here on behalf of USGBC and certainly wanted to commend the County Commission for taking this great step and not only doing what's fiscally responsible, but also doing what's environmentally responsible and also responsible for the human health of the occupants of these buildings. The benefits of green buildings are very well documented, as Dr. Lewandowski has provided to you, and it is our pleasure to be here as a resource to the county in helping you how ever we may in education and training in pursuing your goal to becoming the greenest county in Georgia. On behalf of USGBC, and also as a member of the Environmental Forum and a resident of Chatham County, thank you.

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

Commissioner Shay said, Dr. Gwen McKee is out there, and she wants us to move on with our meeting, but, thank you, Chatham Environmental Forum, for being here. She's the current chairman.

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah, and this is terrific, too, because we're going to save taxpayers money on this. It's not costing any additional money on it and it helps the environment in many, many ways. Let's go on the board. Motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved that the Board approve a policy change by directing an amendment to the Chatham County Code to require that new Chatham County funded buildings and all Chatham County funded building renovations costing more than \$100,000 be designed and constructed to **achieve** at least LEED Silver Certification **standards**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farrell and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Thomas and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2
AGENDA DATE: September 17, 2010

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Henry B. Lewandowski, Mosquito Control Director

ISSUE: Request that the Board approve a policy change by directing an amendment to the Chatham County Code to require: (1) all new Chatham County funded buildings; and (2) all Chatham County funded building renovations costing \$100,000 or more to be designed and constructed to achieve at least an Energy Efficiency and Design (LEED) Silver certification.

BACKGROUND: With increasing emphasis on energy and resource conservation, it is essential that public funds be used wisely and that government agencies take the lead in promoting sound environmental policy. The Chatham County Board of Commissioners October 2007 Resolution to become the "greenest county in the State of Georgia" set the stage for specific local action to be taken. Now that baseline energy audits have been completed and a number of energy saving projects have been identified, it is time to establish longer range policies to sustain Chatham County's efforts to conserve energy and limited resources.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. In October 2007, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners demonstrated a firm commitment to long range community planning by passing a resolution calling for Chatham County to become the greenest county in Georgia. The Commission challenged the Chatham Environmental Forum to develop a plan that identified ways to conserve our natural resources, conserve energy, enhance our ability to use local labor and materials, and make sure our investment in a new infrastructure will help build a high-tech, knowledge-based, and creative local economy.
2. The Chatham Environmental Forum outlined that plan in the document, *A Road Map for Chatham County for its Journey in Becoming the Greenest County in the State of Georgia*.
3. Since that time staff have taken specific actions to reach that goal by:
 - a. Calculating the carbon footprint or, total energy consumption for all Chatham County government operations, using 2007 as a baseline year;
 - b. Identifying the five largest energy using facilities in the county and defining measurable goals to effect a first-year, 15% reduction in energy usage;
 - c. Filing an application with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to become a bronze level partner in Sustainable Georgia; and
 - d. Obtaining a \$300,000 grant to implement first-year energy goals.
4. Through the LEED building certification program, the U.S. Green Building Council is transforming the building construction industry. The Chatham Environmental Forum has recommended that new county funded buildings be constructed to achieve at least LEED Silver certification.
5. In 2008, the U.S. Green Building Council funded an analysis of 121 LEED New Construction buildings, concluding that, on average LEED buildings are delivering the anticipated savings of 25-30% lower energy usage compared to the national average. This early study, however, did not show significant energy savings for LEED certified buildings constructed in hot climates. It was based on using LEED 2006 standards. LEED 2009 standards provide a clearer link to preconstruction models and it can now be demonstrated that, even in hot climates, LEED certified buildings are more efficient than those built to non-LEED standards. Discussion with Denise Grabowski, Lott + Barber; Tommy Linstroth, Trident Sustainability Group; Leesa Carter, Georgia Executive Director for the U.S. Green Building Council; and Dennis Hutton, AICP, Chatham County-Savannah, Metropolitan Planning Commissioner, yielded the following information.
 - a. Wayne Dunn, PE, and a U.S. Green Building staff member states that, "An effectively commissioned LEED Silver or better building using performance biased outdoor ventilation will outperform competing baseline technologies."
 - b. Brenda Stokes, Director of Construction for Bibb County Schools, says that two schools, built for the same cost as non-LEED schools, are operating as expected according to preconstruction models, saving Bibb County \$120,000 per year in energy costs.
 - c. Phase 1 of Sustainable Fellwood consists of eleven, LEED Gold certified buildings. After ten months of operation, the buildings are meeting the expected 25% reduction in energy consumption. The cost for this achievement was 0.4% above standard building practices.
6. In 2005, Ms. Bahar Armaghani, Assistant Director & Major Project Manager, University of Florida, Facilities Planning & Construction determined that LEED certification can be obtained at no additional hard cost. The University of Florida is now committed to sustainable construction, requiring LEED Silver certification for buildings on the entire main university campus. A personal communication with her revealed that that university now has more than 20 LEED certified buildings. At least 4 have been operating for more than six months and are yielding the expected 28% - 30% energy savings.
7. A 2006 study by Davis Langdon, *Cost of Green Revisited: Reexamining the Feasibility and Cost Impact of Sustainable Design in the Light of Increased Market Adoption*, concluded that there is

no significant difference in average costs for green buildings compared to non-green buildings. Furthermore, he concluded that the contracting community no longer sees sustainable design requirements as additional burdens to be priced into their bids.

8. Our own local experience is equally encouraging. 14 months of energy expense data are now available for the new 50,000 square foot Southwest Branch Library, which is certified LEED Silver. Pre-completion energy models projected that energy consumption would be 30% below the 60,000 square foot Bull Street Library. For the period of November 2009 through June 2010, average monthly energy cost of \$0.18 per square foot at the Southwest Branch Library and \$0.28 per square foot at the Bull Street Library. During this period, each facility was open to the public for 53 hours each week. For the November 2009 through June 2010 time period, a 35% average monthly energy savings per square foot was realized at the Southwest Branch Library.
9. Sufficient data are now available to demonstrate that: a) Achieving to LEED Silver certification does not significantly increase the cost of a project; and b) that energy consumption is reduced in buildings planned, designed and constructed using updated, 2009 and later, LEED models and standards.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the requested policy change by directing an amendment to the Chatham County Code to require that new Chatham County funded buildings, and all Chatham County Funded building renovations costing more than \$100,000 be designed and constructed to achieve at least LEED Silver certification.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

FUNDING: Approving the attached policy resolution does not require funding.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to promote safe, cost effective and environmentally responsible operations.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Alternative 1.

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X. ACTION CALENDAR

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

Chairman Liakakis said, we have items 1 through 7 and under 7, we have Items A through Z through AA. Do we have any particular items that the Commissioners would like to hold out and not vote on? Or we need a motion on the floor to approve all items.

Commissioner Farrell said, motion to approve.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

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

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

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 2010, AND THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2010, AS MAILED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of August 27, 2010, and the Special Called Meeting on September 9, 2010, as mailed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holmes and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Thomas and Kicklighter were not present.]

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 19 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 8, 2010.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved that claims vs. Chatham County for the period August 19 through September 8, 2010, in the amount of \$8,205,158 be paid. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holmes and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Thomas and Kicklighter were not present.]

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3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN FIRE SERVICE DISTRICT FOR SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved for approval of change in Fire Service District for Savannah State University. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holmes and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Thomas and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-3

AGENDA DATE: September 17, 2010

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Thomas L. Thomson, Executive Director, MPC

ISSUE:

Change in Fire Service District for Savannah State University.

BACKGROUND:

Savannah State University would like the entire campus served by one Fire Department for ease of dispatching and reduce any potential delay in service.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Savannah State University is currently served by two fire departments which can be confusing
2. Savannah State University would like Savannah Fire Department to serve the entire campus
3. Thunderbolt would like to relinquish responsibility to Savannah Fire
4. Savannah Fire has no objections to serving the entire campus
5. The safety of students and faculty would be better served by having only one Fire Department for response
6. The following PIN numbers would be transferred from Thunderbolt Fire Service District to Savannah Fire Service District 1-0293 -03-001, 3-0290 -03-002, 3-006 -06-004, 3-006 -06-003, 1-0293 -04-001A, 3-006 -6-002, 3-006 -06-001A.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Thunderbolt assume responsibility of entire campus
2. Leave District as they currently are
3. Do not approve

FUNDING:

No Funding Required

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The current situation on the campus of Savannah State University is the campus is split at the canal, with Thunderbolt answering all calls to the east of the canal and Savannah Fire all calls west of the canal. Currently all calls for fire assistance require knowledge to dispatch either Savannah or Thunderbolt as all calls originate from 3219 College St., but if it were under one response area all calls for fire service would go directly to Savannah Fire, and remove any confusion.

RECOMMENDATION:

The recommendation is that the Board of Commissioners adopts the change to the fire service district to include the entire Savannah State University in the City of Savannah Fire Service District as submitted.

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4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHATHAM COUNTY AND THE GEORGIA SECRETARY OF STATE TO UPGRADE THE SYSTEM WITH BARCODE SCANNERS.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved that the Board approve the Third Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between Chatham County and the Georgia Secretary of State to upgrade the system with Barcode Scanners. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holmes and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Thomas and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4
AGENDA DATE: September 17, 2010

DATE: September 8, 2010
 TO: Board of Commissioners
 THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
 FROM: Russell Bridges, Elections Supervisor

ISSUE:
 To approve the Third Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement ("Agreement") between Chatham County and the Georgia Secretary of State to upgrade the system with Barcode Scanners.

BACKGROUND:

In 2002 the Secretary of State of Georgia implemented a uniform state-wide voting system of direct recording electronic equipment, in 2005 upgraded the system with the ExpressPoll and, in 2010, provided for disposition of failed or obsolete components. The State is upgrading the system with Barcode Scanners that will be used as a component of the ExpressPoll system to enhance the check-in process by scanning a voter's driver's license. This will reduce the time needed and improve the accuracy of the search for a voter.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. In 2002 the State implemented a uniform state-wide voting system (the "Agreement").
2. In 2005 the State upgraded the system with ExpressPoll (the First Amendment to the Agreement).
3. In 2010 the State provided for secure disposal of components that are no longer used to conduct elections.
4. The State is upgrading the system with Barcode Scanners.
5. The County participated in a pilot test of the Barcode Scanners in nine precincts during the July 20 General Primary and the August 10 Runoff Primary. The feedback from the testing precincts was very positive.
6. The State has determined that Chatham County should receive 215 Barcode Scanners.
7. The Barcode Scanners will be stored in the existing Elections warehouse.
8. The State will provide insurance coverage.
9. The State will provide technical support for preparing the Barcode Scanners.
10. The Barcode Scanners will have a manufacturer's warranty.
11. The County will be responsible for maintenance upon expiration of the initial warranty.
12. The attached Third Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement has been reviewed by the County Attorney who has found it to be appropriate.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board authorizes the Chairman to sign the Agreement.
2. That the Board not authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement and provide staff with directions.

FUNDING:

The Barcode Scanners are being furnished to the County at no cost. The County will be responsible for warranty or maintenance following expiration of the initial warranty. No funding is required to implement the Third Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement.

POLICY:

Entering into the Agreement with the State of Georgia is in the best interest of the County.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve Alternative #1.

**THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE
 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

This Third Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement is made this 17th day of September, 2010, by and between the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia and Chatham County (hereinafter "County").

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State, as authorized by the General Assembly, provided a uniform Voting System to the County for the casting and counting of electoral votes in County, State and Federal elections in the State of Georgia;

WHEREAS, the County and the Secretary of State entered into a certain Intergovernmental Agreement for the loan and use of the Voting System by the County for the November 2, 2002, General Election and each subsequent election thereafter;

WHEREAS the original Voting System included an encoder for the programming of voter access cards for use on Election Day;

WHEREAS the Secretary of State, in 2005, upgraded the encoder to include an enhanced encoder component known as ExpressPoll for programming voter access cards, and for assessing and collecting voter information electronically at the polling precinct for credit for voting purposes;

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State has identified and acquired Bar Code Scanners that will serve as an enhancement to the current Voting System;

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State has determined the allotment of the Bar Code Scanners for each county based on the current allotment off ExpressPoll units.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Secretary of State shall provide the County with its allotment of the Bar Code Scanners described herein along with certain services subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein;

1. Scope of Agreement

- 1.1 Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §21-2-300, the Secretary of State is tendering the loan of the county's allotment of the Bar Code Scanners described herein, and the County is borrowing the Bar Code Scanners for use in the July 2010 General Primary Election and other elections thereafter as are held from time to time, for a term not to exceed 50 years. The loan of the Voting System is revocable at the will of the Secretary of State and subject at all times to the direction of the Secretary of State to return or permit modification or replacement of all or a portion of the Bar Code Scanner allotment pursuant to written instructions.
- 1.2 In order to receive and continue to borrow its allotted number of Bar Code Scanners, the County must accept the terms of this Agreement. County will be deemed to accept this Agreement by taking delivery of the Bar Code Scanners. Within 30 days of either event, County will return an originally executed counterpart of this Agreement to the Secretary of State and enter a true copy of the executed Agreement in its minutes.

2. Delivery and Storage of the Bar Code Scanners

- 2.1 Delivery of the Bar Code Scanners to the county will occur pursuant to a deployment schedule as determined by the Secretary of State, and as may be modified upon mutual agreement of the Vendor and the Secretary of State. Delivery will be made to the County to the location the Secretary of State currently has on file for delivery of all other statewide uniform voting system components.
- 2.2 The County shall take full responsibility for the care, storage, and use of the Bar Code Scanners as required by O.C.G.A. §21-2-379.9, the rules and regulations promulgated thereto, and instructions provided by the Secretary of State for the security, storage, and use of the Bar Code Scanners.
- 2.3 Within 30 days of receipt, the County shall deliver to the Secretary of State a signed acknowledgment form, confirming receipt, possession, and storage of the Bar Code Scanners received pursuant to this Agreement including the physical address of the location where the Bar Code Scanners will be stored during nonelection periods. The County's confirmation shall be in a form of Exhibit "A" as provided by the Secretary of State.
- 2.4 During the confirmation of receipt of the Bar Code Scanners, the County election superintendent shall conduct a verification test of each Bar Code Scanner pursuant to the instructions provided by the Center for Election Systems and shall deliver a "Verification Report" attached hereto as Exhibit "B" to the Secretary of State within 3 business days of completion of all testing of the Bar Code Scanners. This Verification Report will assist the Secretary of State in determining acceptance of the Bar Code Scanners from the vendor and will establish warranty and insurance coverage.

3. Use of Bar Code Scanners

- 3.1 The County shall use the Bar Code Scanners in conjunction with the ExpressPoll in all elections where applicable as instructed by the Secretary of State.
- 3.2 The County shall include the use of the Bar Code Scanners into its use of the Voting System and shall continue to follow all procedures regarding use of the Voting System as provided for in the

initial Intergovernmental Agreement, in the Georgia Election Code, and in any rules and regulations promulgated thereto, as well as any procedures or additional rules developed by the Secretary of State.

4. Relationships

- 4.1 The County shall immediately notify the Secretary of State of any defects in the Bar Code Scanners or of any other breach of warranty or contract by the Vendor, electronically to the Elections Division in urgent cases and in any event by written notice hereunder, in detail sufficient for the Secretary of State to bring notice to the Vendor. Only the Secretary of State shall enforce the contract with the Vendor of the Bar Code Scanners described herein, except in those instances in which the Secretary of State otherwise allows or in which the County may make separate purchases under the Contract for its own account.
- 4.2 All the terms and conditions of the Intergovernmental Agreement relating to relationships shall remain in full force and effect.

5. Insurance, Risk Management and Warranty

- 5.1 The Secretary of State has acquired an initial warranty plan for the Bar Code Scanners provided to the County, which shall expire on _____, _____, _____.
- 5.2 The County may be able to extend the warranty plan prior to expiration of the plan. The cost to extend the warranty plan shall be the sole responsibility of the County. The Secretary of State is not responsible for providing any extended warranty coverage on the Bar Code Scanners.
- 5.3 Any additional purchases or lease acquisitions of the Bar Code Scanners acquired by the County using County resources shall be identified separately by serial number and shall be owned by the County and will be the sole responsibility of the county; any such equipment will be subject to the same care, maintenance and use provisions of the Georgia Election Code and any rules and regulations promulgated thereto.
- 5.4 The County assumes all responsibility for the proper care, maintenance, and storage of additional Bar Code Scanners obtained with County funds; however, the care, maintenance and storage of any additional Bar Code Scanners, acquired by the County shall not reduce or displace the care and maintenance required for the Bar Code Scanners allotted to the County by the Secretary of State.
- 5.5 The Secretary of State and the County shall each be independently responsible for carrying out its official responsibilities at its own sole cost, risk, expense and responsibility with respect to activities under or related to this agreement.

6. Bar Code Scanner Technical Support

- 6.1 The Secretary of State shall provide technical support for preparing the Bar Code Scanners for use in any election in which the County is conducting an election using the Bar Code Scanners.

7. Bar Code Scanner Training

- 7.1 The County Election officials shall participate in the training required and provided by the Secretary of State in order to ensure the proper use of the Bar Code Scanners. The County shall participate in every phase of training and any subsequent training offered by the Secretary of State or designee thereof, as may be identified by the Secretary of State. Nothing in this paragraph shall preclude the county from entering into an agreement with the Vendor to conduct training, provide technical support, or other related services, which shall be the sole responsibility of the County.
- 7.2 The County shall bear the costs, including transportation, subsistence, and lodging, incurred by its election officials in attending courses taught by or arranged by the Secretary of State for instruction on the use of the Bar Code Scanners.

8. Bar Code Scanner Election Preparation

- 8.1 The County Election Superintendent and Voter Registrar shall assist the Secretary of State or the designee thereof in the Bar Code Scanner election preparation process as provided by any procedures developed by the Secretary of State.

9. Miscellaneous

- 9.1 The County will comply with all laws, rules and policies applicable to its activities under this Agreement.
- 9.2 The County and Secretary of State will each coordinate and conduct their ordinary communications through liaisons designated by them. The Secretary of State initially designates the following person listed below as his liaison under this Agreement. The County shall provide

to the Secretary of State's Liaison, within 10 days from receipt of this Agreement, the name and contact information of its liaison for purposes of this Agreement.

For the Secretary of State:
Elections Division Director
1104 West Tower, 2 MLK Jr. Dr.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334
(404)-656-2871
(404)-651-9531
Email

For the County: Russell Bridges
Address 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite F
Telephone (912) 201-4375
Facsimile (912) 201-4385
Email Rbridges@ChathamCounty.org

10 Entire Agreement

- 10.1 This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties with regard to its subject matter and supersedes all other prior and contemporaneous agreements and understanding between the parties. This Agreement may not be amended or modified except in writing by the Secretary of State.
- 10.2 The Secretary of State has signed a master copy of this Agreement with intent that his facsimile signature shall act as an original for this Agreement.
- 10.3 Except as specifically provided in this Third Amendment, all terms and conditions of the Intergovernmental Agreement and the respective obligations of the parties thereto shall remain in full force and effect.

In witness whereof, the parties have caused their hand and seal as follows, or have otherwise indicated their acceptance of this Agreement, as provided above.

BRIAN P. KEMP
SECRETARY OF STATE

ON BEHALF OF CHATHAM COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

Name: _____
Title: _____

Name: _____
Title: _____

CHAIRMAN, COUNTY COMMISSION

CLERK OF COMMISSION

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5. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF BEER, WINE & LIQUOR POURING AND SUNDAY SALES OF BEER, WINE & LIQUOR POURING LICENSE FOR 2010. PETITIONER: ANTHONY BRIAN CREED, D/B/A RUBY TUESDAY RESTAURANT, LOCATED AT 590 AL HENDERSON BOULEVARD. [District 7.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved for approval of the request for transfer of beer, wine & liquor pouring and Sunday sales of beer, wine & liquor pouring license for 2010. Petitioner: Anthony Brian Creed, d/b/a Ruby Tuesday Restaurant, located at 590 Al Henderson Boulevard. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holmes and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Thomas and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-5
AGENDA DATE: September 17, 2010

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

ISSUE:

Request for transfer of beer, wine & liquor pouring and Sunday sales of beer, wine & liquor pouring license for 2010, Anthony Brian Creed, d/b/a Ruby Tuesday Restaurant, located at 590 Al Henderson Boulevard.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Creed requests transfer of beer, wine & liquor pouring and Sunday sales of beer, wine and liquor pouring license in connection with an existing restaurant. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage and Sunday Sales Ordinance. Previous licensee was Stephen Wayne Pheil.

FACTS AND FINDINGS

1. The application was reviewed by the Police Department for compliance of the applicant and approved.
2. The returned application was reviewed by Regulatory Services. The County Fire Marshal inspected the site for compliance with the commercial kitchen requirements and approved the facility.
3. The applicant and business meet the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage and Sunday sales Ordinance.
4. The applicant has been notified in writing of the hearing time and date.

RECOMMENDATION

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

District 7

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

Gregori S. Anderson

Chief Willie Lovett

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6. REQUEST FOR SUNDAY SALES OF BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE FOR 2010. PETITIONER: JAMES E. COLE, D/B/A SLUGGERS @ SANDFLY, INC., (FORMERLY SANDFLY BAR AND GRILL), LOCATED AT 7360 SKIDAWAY ROAD. [District 3.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved for approval of the request for Sunday sales of beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 2010. Petitioner: James E. Cole, d/b/a Sluggers @ Sandfly, Inc., (formerly Sandfly Bar and Grill), located at 7360 Skidaway Road. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holmes and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Thomas and Kicklighter were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-6
AGENDA DATE: September 17, 2010

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THROUGH: R. E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER

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

ISSUE:

Request approval of Sunday sales of beer, wine & liquor pouring license for 2010, James E. Cole, d/b/a Sluggers @ Sandfly, Inc. (formerly Sandfly Bar and Grill), located at 7360 Skidaway Road.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Cole requests approval of Sunday sales of beer, wine and liquor pouring license in connection with an existing restaurant/lounge now under new ownership/management.

FACTS AND FINDINGS

1. The application was reviewed by Zoning and then to the Police Department for compliance of the applicant and site distance requirements and approved.

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

District 3

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

Gregori S. Anderson

Chief Willie Lovett

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7. 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 Farrell moved for approval of the following bids. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holmes and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Thomas and Kicklighter were not present.]

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
A. Video surveillance and access card system for the new Records Facility	Administrative Services	SFI Electronics, Inc.	\$62,612	CIP - Administrative Services - Building Offices
B. Annual maintenance contract for the servers and software for the document imaging system	ICS	Palmetto Microfilm, LLC	\$34,895	General Fund/M & O - ICS
C. Change Order No. 1 to the contract to install bottomless arch culverts over the Hardin Canal for removal of debris and associated costs	Engineering	McLendon Enterprises, Inc.	\$48,132	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Hardin Canal
D. Preparatory work associated with the Dean Forest Road widening project	Engineering	McLendon Enterprises, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$18,500	SPLOST (2003-2008) - SR 307 Widening
E. Professional services contract related to the design of culvert replacements as part of the Wilmington Park drainage improvements project	Engineering	Thomas & Hutton Engineering (Sole Source)	\$140,000	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Drainage, Wilmington Park Canal Project

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
F. Change Order No. 1 to the contract for maintenance on radio equipment for additional radios	Sheriff	Savannah Communications and Electronics	\$7,858	•General Fund/M & O - Sheriff - \$2,357 •General Fund/M & O - Detention Center - \$5,501
G. Annual contract with automatic renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year term to provide "as needed" environmental emergency and non-emergency response services for Mosquito Control	Mosquito Control	Moran Environmental Recovery, LLC	Varies by service	If services are required, a contingency transfer will be requested.
H. Seven (7) used non-typical vehicles and authorize the trade-in of (7) vehicles	CNT	•Fairway Lincoln Mercury •Grainger Honda	\$112,721	CIP - Fleet Replacement
I. One (1) non-typical vehicle and authorize the trade-in of one (1) vehicle for Savannah Chatham Metro Police Department	Fleet Operations	Dan Vaden Chevrolet	\$12,482	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Fleet Replacement
J. One (1) used vehicle	Sheriff	Grainger Honda	\$15,145	Confiscated Funds - Sheriff (pending Board approval of transfer)
K. Replacement and installation of an emergency warning siren	CEMA	•McCord Communications •D.P. Joyner Electric, Inc.	•\$15,470 •\$1,950	•Risk Management Fund, Reserve for Deductible - \$7,755 •CIP - CEMA - \$4,832.50 •SSD - Public Works - \$4,832.50
L. Four (4) 40 yard roll-off containers	Public Works and Park Services	Consolidated Disposal Systems, Inc.	\$18,180	Solid Waste Restricted
M Confirmation of the emergency purchase and installation of an UPS by-pass system for the Administrative Annex - Police Precinct 1	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Godbee and Rimes Electrical Contractors, Inc.	\$16,967	Savannah Chatham Metro Police Department Reimbursable Expense
N. Three (3) year annual service contract to provide potable water testing and related services	Public Works and Park Services	Georgia Environmental Protection Division	\$16,310 per year	Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund
O. Dell Data Recovery System	Sheriff	Dell Marketing (State Contract)	\$21,138	Multiple Grant Fund - Sheriff
P. Audio and video surveillance system for the Administrative Annex	Tax Commissioner	SFI Electronics	\$13,457	CIP - Tax Commissioner

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Q. Video surveillance system for the Eisenhower Tag Office	Tax Commissioner	Remote Technology	\$13,336	CIP - Tax Commissioner
R. Change Order No. 1 to the contract for the Henderson Canal Drainage Improvement project for additional work	Engineering	Pine Valley Concrete Company	\$22,700	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Drainage, Gateway/Henderson Project
S. Annual contract with automatic renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to provide specialized lawn care services for the various County Facilities	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Chase Landscaping	\$27,250	•General Fund/M & O - Various •SSD - Various •Land Bank
T. Replace telephone cables with fiber optic for the Detention Center Expansion project	Detention Center	AT & T (Sole Source)	\$17,727	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Detention Center Expansion project
U. Install telephone conduits for the Detention Center Expansion project	Detention Center	OECI	\$13,538	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Detention Center Expansion project
V. One (1) used 1992 MD 500N helicopter	Mosquito Control	Helicopter Minit Men, Inc.	\$575,000	CIP - Mosquito Control (pending Board approval of the amendment to the CIP fund)
W. Change Order No. 1 to the contract for the lighting of the Jim Golden Complex to add lighting to the two remaining fields	Parks and Recreation	•Musco Sports Lighting •Middle Georgia Outdoor Lighting	•\$165,000 •\$45,330	CIP - Parks and Recreation
X. Construction contract to pave Fenwick Avenue	Engineering	E & D Contracting Services, Inc. (WBE)	\$241,403	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Fenwick Avenue
Y. 14 Motorola console radios	ICS	Motorola (Sole Source)	\$56,410	Multiple Grant Fund - PSIC Grant
Z. Change Order No. 4 to the annual contract to provide various paper and chemical supplies for the various County departments to recognize a manufacturers imposed price increase on Latex gloves	Various	Coastal Sail Paper Chemical Supply	Varies by item	•General Fund/M & O - Various •SSD - Various
AA. Local match for the purchase of six (6) paratransit buses	Chatham Area Transit	Chatham County	\$70,184	SPLOST (2008-2013) - CAT Funding

AGENDA ITEM: X-7 A THRU AA
AGENDA DATE: September 17, 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 a \$62,612 contract to SFI Electronics, Inc. for video surveillance and access card system for the new Records Center located at 4225 Augusta Road, Garden City.

BACKGROUND: On 14 August 2009, the Board awarded a construction contract for the Chatham County Records Center, located at 4225 Augusta, Road, Garden City.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. With the renovation of the new Records Facility nearing completion, it is time to contract for the video surveillance and access card system. The security system along with fencing was not part of the original scope of work. The security system consists of 24 cameras, one (1) network video recorder, and nine (9) access card key admission points.
2. Bids were properly advertised and seven (7) bids were received and opened 29 July 2010. The bid responses are as follows:

SFI Electronics, Inc. Charleston, SC	\$62,612
* WW Gay Fire & Integrated Systems Jacksonville, FL	\$86,487
Accurate Controls Ripon, WI	\$132,000
GC&E Systems Group Norcross, GA	\$135,069
* Carter Brothers Atlanta, GA	\$199,560
* Quality Communications Atlanta, GA	Non-responsive
Remote Technology Savannah, GA	Non-responsive
* MBE Firm	

3. Staff believes the total cost of \$62,612 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - Administrative Services - Building Offices
 (3501580-54.13001-35031137)

ALTERNATIVE:

1. Board approval to award a \$62,612 contract to SFI Electronics, Inc. for video surveillance and access card system for the new Records Center located at 4225 Augusta Road, Garden City.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
 CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$34,895 annual renewal for Document Imaging System maintenance agreement and support for servers and software for the Application Xtender from Palmetto Microfilm, LLC for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: This maintenance agreement is for support for Application Extender software, WebExtender, ScanExtender and Data Manager from Palmetto Microfilm, Inc. for various departments within the County who scan documents into the document imaging system.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Chatham County I.C.S. has purchased all Application Extender, or AX licenses from Palmetto Microfilm, LLC. I.C.S. has recommended that all departments using document imaging use the AX software as a standard and annual maintenance is a requirement.
2. I.C.S. recommends the maintenance renewal for support for this software for all users scanning documents into document imaging.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$34,895 for annual maintenance and support renewal to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$34,895 annual renewal for Document Imaging System maintenance agreement and support for servers and software for the Application Xtender from Palmetto Microfilm, LLC for I.C.S.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order No.1, in the amount of \$48,132, to the construction contract with McLendon Enterprises, Inc. for removal of debris in Hardin Canal and associated costs.

BACKGROUND: On 6 November 2009, the Board awarded a construction contract to McLendon Enterprises, Inc. for \$4,095,470 to install bottomless arch culverts over the Hardin Canal on Dean Forest Road.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. During installation of shoring for culvert #1 debris was encountered to a depth of 15 feet below the streambed of Hardin Canal, Branch A. Removal of the debris was necessary to set shoring and install concrete piles in the ground for the culvert. As per contract specifications removal of obstructions below ground level is payable as extra work. The lump sum item for debris removal is \$35,832.
2. The contractor requested that as part of the compensation for debris removal the County agree to pay for pile cut off on 15 Pre-Stressed Concrete (PSC) piles ordered eight (8) feet longer than required. The additional length was anticipated in the area of debris excavation. The additional length is 120 linear feet for a cost of \$12,300. The total compensation for debris removal including the additional pile length is \$48,132.
3. Contract History:

Original Contract (11-6-09)	\$4,095,470
Change Order No. 1 (Pending)	<u>\$ 48,132</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$4,143,602

FUNDING: SPLOST (1998 - 2003) - Hardin Canal
(3224250 - 54.14021 - 32280227)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order No.1, in the amount of \$48,132, to the construction contract with McLendon Enterprises, Inc. for removal of debris in Hardin Canal and associated costs.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$18,500 sole source purchase with McLendon Enterprises, Inc. for preparatory work associated with the Dean Forest Road widening project.

BACKGROUND: On 7 November 2008, the Board approved a contract with Thomas & Hutton Engineering firm to design a four-lane section on Dean Forest Road between US 17 and I-16. Permits and required Right of Way are acquired for this area of the project. Board approved a construction contract with McLendon Enterprises, Inc. for the SR 307/ Hardin Canal Bridge Culvert project on 6 November 2009.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Clearing of stumps and debris in two (2) acres of the acquired Right of Way will facilitate construction of the widening project at a later date.
2. McLendon Enterprises, Inc. has equipment and work crews on State Route 307 in the same vicinity, eliminating mobilization costs from the price of the work. Staff believes that the price quoted for the work is below normal bid price and that the cost to hire another firm would be significantly higher.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003 - 2008) - SR 307 Widening
(3234220 - 54.14001 - 32351057)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$18,500 sole source purchase with McLendon Enterprises, Inc. for preparatory work associated with the Dean Forest Road widening project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve sole source purchases/contracts when it is in the best interest of the County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$140,000 sole source contract with Thomas & Hutton Engineering Company for professional services related to the design of Culvert Replacements as part of the Wilmington Park Drainage Improvements project.

BACKGROUND: The project is part of the 1998-2003 SPLOST Wilmington Park drainage project which involves improving drainage capacity and access for maintenance to the Manchester-Clarendon drainage system and the Wilmington Park Canal. The Manchester-Clarendon improvements were completed in 2000. Phase 1 of the canal project, completed in 2002, included replacing the box culvert at Wilmington Island Road and installing a trash screen structure. Phase 2 of the canal project, involving channel widening and access roads, was abandoned as infeasible as a result of infringing City of Savannah water and sewer facilities. A project to control erosion at the canal's outfall structure was completed in 2009. The engineer of record is Thomas & Hutton Engineering Company (T&H).

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This culvert replacement project is at various locations along the Wilmington Park Canal. The culverts were identified to be replaced as part of the Phase 2 channel widening project. The existing culverts contribute significantly to flooding problems in the area and can be replaced without channel widening in order to achieve substantially greater flow capacity.

2. The goal of this project is to design replacement culverts to achieve maximum hydraulic capacity in the existing channel, improve access for maintenance, and avoid issues involving City of Savannah water and sewer facilities. Staff solicited a fee proposal and scope of work from T&H to perform this work. Subsequent to negotiations, staff finds that the scope is in accordance with the anticipated needs of the County and that the cost represents fair compensation for the work to be provided.
3. To maintain continuity and cost, State law allows contracting with the original professional engineering firm used for previous studies and plans without further competitive process when those existing studies and plans can be reused. T&H is the most qualified local consultant to provide the services required for this project. The County stands to save by using the surveys and plans already prepared by T&H under earlier work on this project.

FUNDING: SPLOST (1998 - 2003) - Drainage, Wilmington Park Canal Project
(3224250 - 54.14021 - 32280187)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$140,000 sole source contract with Thomas & Hutton Engineering Company for professional services related to the design of Culvert Replacements as part of the Wilmington Park Drainage Improvements project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with board policy to award sole source contracts when it is in the best interest of the County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$7,858, to Savannah Communications and Electronics for the Sheriff's Department.

BACKGROUND: On 8 August 2008, the Board approved a consolidated service package with Savannah Communications and Electronics to cover the Sheriff's Department mobile radios, portable radios, consoles and repeaters.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Sheriff's Department has had a consolidated service plan for its communications for several years. The Sheriff's Department maintains one (1) radio console; one (1) repeater; and more than 400 radios, both portable and mobile. It is essential that the equipment be maintained to keep it functioning.
2. The cost increase is due to the change from analog to digital radio technology. The warranty has expired. The digital radios will now be covered under the current maintenance agreement.
3. Contract history:

Original Contract (8-8-08)	\$ 50,287
Change Order No. 1 (pending)	<u>\$ 7,858</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$ 58,145

FUNDING: General Fund/M &O - Sheriff - \$ 2,357
(1003330 - 52.22001)
General Fund/ M&O - Detention Center -\$ 5,501
(1003326-52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$7,858, to Savannah Communications and Electronics for the Sheriff's Department.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve change order necessary for Public Safety.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval of an annual agreement, with automatic renewals for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, with Moran Environmental Recovery, LLC, of Savannah, Georgia, to provide "as needed" environmental emergency and non-emergency response services for Mosquito Control.

BACKGROUND: This agreement will establish fixed labor and material rates for environmental emergency response services to assist Mosquito Control in recovering from an accidental chemical release disaster and to comply with all Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Occupational safety and Health Administration (OSHA) emergency action plan guideline requirements.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Bids were advertised and opened on 17 August 2010. There were two(2) vendors to respond, Moran Environmental Recovery, LLC, of Savannah, GA and CleanHarbors Environmental Services of Tucker, GA.
2. Staff's intent behind the bid solicitation was to establish "fixed" labor and material rates and to preregister a firm to assist the County on an "as needed" basis, in the event of an accidental chemical release or in the event of a chemical release disaster. Minimum services to be provided include, but are not limited to:
 - Emergency mitigation of hazardous and nonhazardous substances released into the environment;
 - Containment, neutralization, decontamination, recovery, clean up and repackaging of hazardous and nonhazardous chemicals;
 - Transportation, storage, treatment or disposal of hazardous and nonhazardous chemicals;
 - Engineering and technological consulting services relating to the environment;
 - Testing and sampling of all hazardous and nonhazardous chemicals;
 - Asbestos removal and lead abatement;
 - All related field services;
 - "Other" related work
3. Moran Environmental Recovery, LLC, met all technical specifications. A fee schedule was requested based on a cost per hour plus "time and materials" for all required personnel. The personnel labor rates quoted by Moran range from \$35.90/hour to \$150/hour. Staff believes pricing to be reasonable and fair.

FUNDING: Initial Funding not required. If services are required, a contingency transfer will be requested.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of an annual agreement, with automatic renewals for four (4) additional one year terms, with Moran Environmental Recovery, LLC, of Savannah, Georgia, to provide "as needed" environmental emergency and non-emergency response services for Mosquito Control.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide essential emergency and non-emergency response services and to comply with all EPA and OSHA guideline requirements.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$112,721 purchase of seven (7) used non-typical replacement vehicles for C.N.T. from Fairway Lincoln Mercury and Grainger Honda, both of Savannah, GA and authorize the disposal of seven (7) vehicles that will be used as trade-ins.

BACKGROUND: C.N.T. has approved funding to replace 13 vehicles through the CIP, Police Merger. These vehicles are no longer suitable for department operation. The trade-in will simplify the purchase of seven (7) vehicles.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. To meet C.N.T.'s needs, staff requested quotes from only the local car dealers that normally respond to bids. Specifications required each firm to submit pricing on appropriate vehicles. This provides C.N.T. with maximum flexibility.
2. The Fleet Manager and a representative from C.N.T. selected the following vehicles based on utility and value.

3. The vehicles to be purchased will be provided by the following selected vendors:

Fairway Lincoln Mercury	3 vehicle	\$ 66,513
Grainger Honda	4 vehicle	\$102,921
Less trade-in		<u>(56,713)</u>
Total Purchase		\$112,721

FUNDING: CIP - Fleet Replacement
(3503222 - 54.22001 - 3503065Z)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval a \$112,721 purchase of seven (7) used non-typical replacement vehicles for C.N.T. from Fairway Lincoln Mercury and Grainger Honda, both of Savannah, GA and authorize the disposal of seven (7) vehicles that will be used as trade-ins.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM I

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$12,482 purchase of a non-typical replacement vehicle from Dan Vaden Chevrolet of Savannah for the Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department (SCMPD) and approve the disposal of one (1) vehicle that will be used as a trade-in.

BACKGROUND: This vehicle is a replacement for SCMPD per the merger agreement with the City of Savannah, to replace 19 vehicles annually.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The SCMPD staff and Fleet selected the vehicle to be purchased based on utility and value.
2. The vehicle to be purchased will be provided by the following selected vendor:

Dan Vaden Chevrolet	1 vehicle	\$20,182
Less Trade-in	1 vehicle	<u>(\$7,700)</u>
Total Purchase		\$12,482

3. Staff believes the total cost of \$12,482 for the purchase of a non-typical vehicle to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - Fleet Replacements
(3234985 - 54.22001 - 3236063B)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of a \$12,482 purchase of a non-typical replacement vehicle from Dan Vaden Chevrolet of Savannah for the Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department (SCMPD) and approve the disposal of one (1) vehicle that will be used as a trade-in.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM J

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$15,145 purchase of a used 2009 Chevrolet Malibu from Grainger Honda of Savannah for the Sheriff's Department.

BACKGROUND: The purpose of this vehicle is to provide general transportation for the department. This will be an additional vehicle for the department.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Staff has a standing request with the local car dealership for "good" used vehicles. When a vehicle is located, the dealership contacts Fleet Operations.
2. Grainger Honda informed staff they had a used 2009 Chevrolet Malibu. The Fleet Manager and a representative from the Sheriff's Department inspected the vehicle.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$15,145 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: Confiscated Funds - Sheriff (Pending Board approval of transfer)
(2113300 - 54.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of a \$15,145 purchase of a used 2009 Chevrolet Malibu from Grainger Honda of Savannah for the Sheriff Department.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM K

ISSUE: Request Board approval for a \$15,470 replacement emergency warning siren from McCord Communications and \$1,950 for the installation of the warning siren from D.P. Joyner Electric, Inc. for CEMA.

BACKGROUND: The siren is located between Fleet Operations and Public Works. On or about the 18th of May, a Public Work's employee, while operating an excavator, struck the overhead power line leading to the siren. A resulting power surge from the line severely damaged the siren.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Emergency sirens are strategically located throughout Chatham County to warn citizens of impending emergencies. CEMA currently has installed and maintains 31 warning sirens in Chatham County.
2. Based on the cost to repair the siren, staff believes it is in the best interest of the County to replace the siren.
3. It was determined the siren was not insured. Public Works has agreed to share in the cost of the replacement siren.
4. Staff believes the total cost of the purchase of a new siren, \$15,470, to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: Risk Management Fund, Reserve for Deductible - \$7,755
(6259908 - 57.30101)
CIP - CEMA - \$4,832.50
(3509980 - 54.25001 - 3503052Z)
SSD - Public Works - \$4,832.50
(2704100 - 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval for a \$15,470 replacement emergency warning siren from McCord Communications and \$1,950 for the installation of the warning siren from D.P. Joyner Electric, Inc. for CEMA.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: Warning sirens are required to provide immediate and recognizable emergency notice to the citizens of Chatham County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM L

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$18,180 purchase of four (4) 40 yard roll-off containers from Consolidated Disposal Systems, Inc. of Smyrna, Georgia, for Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: Roll-off containers are utilized at County drop-off centers to collect and transport materials deposited by citizens for disposal. Because these containers are daily hauled, tipped and dumped on end, they must be heavier gauge steel with thicker side walls and floors, than containers that are "stay-in-place." Routinely, due to the amount of wear and tear the containers receive, it is necessary to replace approximately four (4) containers each year.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Chatham County operates residential drop-off centers that utilize 40 yard roll-off containers to collect a variety of materials that citizens deposit for disposal.
2. The roll-off containers are also used to transport the materials to the disposal facility where they are routinely tipped and dumped on end to dislodge the materials to be landfilled. Roll-off containers are naturally and routinely subjected to severe wear and tear that eventually results in the need to replace containers that are beyond repair.
3. Staff replaces about four (4) roll-off containers each year to ensure that containers stay roadworthy and do not represent any additional liability to the County while transporting materials slated for disposal from County drop-off centers to the local landfill.
4. Staff obtained quotes from the following three (3) vendors:

Consolidated Disposal Systems Smyrna, GA	\$18,180
Rudco Products, Inc. Greer, SC	\$18,700
NuLife Environmental, Inc. Easley, SC	\$19,425

5. Staff believes the low quote by Consolidated Disposal Systems to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: Solid Waste Restricted
(5404510 - 54.25001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$18,180 purchase of four (4) 40 yard roll-off containers from Consolidated Disposal Systems, Inc. of Smyrna, Georgia, for Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases for the operation of County residential drop-off centers and to provide equipment that is safe and represents no additional liability to the County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM M

ISSUE: Request Board confirmation of the \$16,967 emergency purchase and installation of an UPS by-pass system from Godbee and Rimes Electrical Contractors, Inc. for the Administrative Annex - Police Precinct 1.

BACKGROUND: The Administrative Annex - Police Precinct 1 was built without an external UPS by-pass switch. An inspection conducted by I.C.S. staff revealed that three (3) UPS filter capacitors are inoperative and cannot be repaired unless an external UPS by-pass switch is installed.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Installation of a by-pass switch will allow future repairs of the UPS to be accomplished without disruption of power to the Annex. If several other UPS filter capacitors fail, the 911 Center as well as all of the electrical systems will be without power.

2. I.C.S. staff estimates that if the UPS fails with no external by-pass in place, the 911 Center will be down for several days. The function of the 911 Center is a life safety issue which cannot be left in a vulnerable state.
3. Plans and specifications were developed by a consultant and staff obtained quotes from three (3) firms as follows:

Godbee and Rimes Electrical Contractors Port Wentworth, GA	\$16,967
* All Electric and Specialty System Savannah, GA	\$24,000
Delta Electric of Savannah, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$26,556

*WBE firm

4. Staff requested emergency approval from the Chairman so the purchase and installation could be made in a timely manner. He concurred (see attached page 31) and directed staff to seek Board confirmation at their next scheduled meeting.

FUNDING: Savannah-Metro Police Reimbursable Expense
(2709957 - 57.10009)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board confirmation of the \$16,967 emergency purchase and installation of an UPS by-pass system from Godbee and Rimes Electrical Contractors, Inc. for the Administrative Annex - Police Precinct 1.
2. Provide staff other direction

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to confirm emergency purchases when public safety is involved.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM N

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$16,310 three (3) year sole source annual service contract to provide potable water testing and related services from Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GA. EPD) for Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: The County is responsible for having performed a myriad of staggered yearly sampling on its nine (9) EPD permitted drinking water sites. Chatham County has been using EPD as its testing laboratory for the vast majority of its potable water testing needs.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Chatham County has previously utilized EPD's laboratory because of its ability to do the wide variety of testing required as well as meeting the various reporting schedules that are required.
2. The sites to be serviced are; Little Neck Plantation, Modena Island, West Chatham County, Glen of Robin Hood, Montgomery Area, Runaway Point, Tom Triplett Park, Islands Expressway and Savannah Port Authority.
3. Due to the sheer magnitude of the number of tests required by EPD, as well as the varying schedules for the testing, it has not been cost or time efficient to attempt to out-source the protocols. EPD remains the best one-stop testing facility for Chatham County to contract with to meet all the testing and time requirements.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$16,310 three (3) year sole source annual service contract to provide potable water testing and related services from Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GA. EPD) for Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to meet all testing and reporting requirements for permitted drinking water sites and to do so in the most cost and time efficient method available.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM O

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$21,138 purchase for a Dell Data Recovery System, off the State of Georgia contract, from Dell Marketing for Sheriff's Department.

BACKGROUND: On 19 December 2008, the Board approved a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to enhance the Sex Offender Registry & Tracking system (S.O.R.T. unit). The grant approval letter provided a specific list of equipment and supplies to be purchased. A portion of the funding in the approved budget was set aside for the purchase of a Data Recovery System.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. State Purchasing awarded this sole source contract through a competitive process based on requirements and specifications of the Georgia Technology Authority.
2. Staff believes the cost of \$21,138 is fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: Multiple Grant Fund - Sheriff
(2503300 - 54.25001 - 25024032)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$21,138 purchase for a Dell Data Recovery System, off the State of Georgia contract, from Dell Marketing for Sheriff's department.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

It is consistent with Board policy to approve purchases as set forth within a grant budget.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
TOM DRANE

ITEM P

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$13,457 contract to SFI Electronics for installation of an audio and video surveillance system for the Tax Commissioner's Tag Office located at 295 Police Memorial Drive, Savannah GA.

BACKGROUND: In 2003, the Sheriff's Department began installing video surveillance security cameras in various County facilities. In 2006, the Tax Commissioner's Tag Office on Eisenhower Drive completed its installation of a surveillance system. All of these surveillance systems are a key component of the Chatham County Sheriff's Security Plan.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The system will be installed at the Tag Office located at 295 Police Memorial Drive to provide surveillance and connectivity to the wireless duress system that is networked to the Sheriff's location at the Montgomery Street Courthouse.
2. The system includes twelve video cameras and eight microphones. The cameras will be installed to monitor customer transactions at the customer service windows and security of staff. The microphones are used to record the audio portion of each transaction at windows
3. Bids were properly advertised and four (4) bids were received and opened 28 July 2010. The bid responses are as follows:

SFI Electronics, Inc. Charleston, SC	\$13,457
Remote Technology Savannah, GA	\$20,224

GC&E Systems Group \$31,375
Norcross, GA

* Quality Communications \$32,870
Atlanta, GA

* MBE Firm

4. On 27 March 1998, the Board approved a "local preference" policy which, when a firm from outside Chatham County submits the "lowest quote" the policy allows the lowest local vendor to match the "lowest" quote. If the local firm does match the "lowest" quote, the local firm is awarded the purchase. As indicated above, a non-Chatham County firm offered the "lowest low" quote. The Chatham County firm was asked if they would match the outside firms' quote. As indicated, Remote Technology did not match the "lowest" quote.
5. Staff believes the total cost of \$13,457 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP -Tax Commissioner
(3501545 - 54.25001 - 35030082)

ALTERNATIVE

1. Board approval to award a \$13,457 contract to SFI Electronics for installation of an audio and video surveillance system for the Tax Commissioner's Tag Office located at 295 Police Memorial Drive, Savannah GA.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM Q

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$13,336 contract to Remote Technology for installation of video surveillance system for the Tax Commissioner's Tag Office located at 1145 Eisenhower Drive, Savannah GA.

BACKGROUND: On 23 June 2006 the Board awarded the purchase and installation of a video surveillance system for the Tag Office on Eisenhower Drive. This system is need of an upgrade and conversion from analog to digital capability.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Several firms were asked to visit site and submit a quote and three (3) quotes were received. The quotes areas follows:

SFI Electronics, Inc. \$13,336
Charleston, SC

* Quality Communications \$13,518
Atlanta, GA

Remote Technology \$17,127
Savannah, GA

* MBE Firm

2. On 27 March 1998, the Board approved a "local preference" policy which, when a firm from outside Chatham County submits the "lowest quote" the policy allows the lowest local vendor to match the "lowest" quote. If the local firm does match the "lowest" quote, the local firm is awarded the purchase. As indicated above, a non-Chatham County firm offered the "lowest low" quote. The Chatham County firm was asked if they would match the outside firms' quote. As indicated, Remote Technology did match the "lowest" quote.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$13,336 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP -Tax Commissioner
(3501545 - 54.25001 - 35030082)

ALTERNATIVE

1. Board approval to award a \$13,336 contract to Remote Technology for installation of video surveillance system for the Tax Commissioner’s Tag Office located at 1145 Eisenhower Drive, Savannah GA.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM R

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$22,700, to the construction contract with Pine Valley Concrete Company for the Henderson Canal Improvements project.

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

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Construction of a larger culvert on the Little Neck Canal at Little Neck Road was completed in January 2010. This project replaces the culverts at Henderson Oaks Drive and the golf cart culvert near the Henderson Golf Community swimming pool. The golf cart culvert is located beneath electric transmission lines and near the community swimming pool. To construct the culverts, traffic will be detoured to allow closure of the road and cart path.
2. Notice to proceed with construction was issued on 16 August 2010. Work is expected to be complete by 13 January 2011. Work is currently underway to replace the golf cart culvert. During demolition of the existing structure, underground utility systems not shown on the drawings were encountered that require relocation and installation of temporary bypasses. This change order is to pay for this additional work. The prices quoted are based upon contract unit prices for other utility relocations, adjusted to reflect differing site conditions. Staff has reviewed these prices and believes that the prices represent fair compensation for the effort involved.

3. Contract History:

Original Contract (5-28-10)	\$278,317
Change Order No. 1 (Pending)	<u>\$ 22,700</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$301,017

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$22,700, to the construction contract with Pine Valley Concrete Company for the Henderson Canal Improvements project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve change orders to construction contracts that are necessary to complete projects.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM S

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$27,250 annual contract, with automatic renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Chase Landscape, Inc. to provide specialized lawn care services for various County facilities.

BACKGROUND: The County has historically contracted lawn care services for the Tag Office, Citizens Service Center, Police Department Annex, CNT Administrative Building & Warehouse, Police Department - Precinct #5 and the Juvenile Court Building.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Staff developed a scope of work and bids were properly advertised. Bids were opened on 24 August 2010 and bid responses are as follows:

Chase Landscaping Savannah, GA	\$27,250
* Dean Forest Nursery Savannah, GA	\$50,960
* HES Environmental Savannah, GA	\$61,529
* Sodman Lawn Care Savannah, GA	\$72,292
* WBE firm	

2. Two (2) bidders were declared non-responsive. One bidder due to the lack of acknowledgment of an addendum with revised bid sheet. Another bidder due a significant lack of required documentation such as attachments, references, addendum acknowledgment and surety requirement sheet.
3. Chase Landscape, Inc., the low responsive, responsible bidder, met all specifications. Staff believes the low bid submitted by Chase Landscape to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$27,250 annual contract, with automatic renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Chase Landscape, Inc. to provide specialized lawn care services for various County facilities.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM T

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$17,727 sole source contract to AT&T to replace telephone cables with fiberoptic for the Chatham County Detention Center (CCDC) Expansion project.

BACKGROUND: The 2008-2014 SPLOST referendum allocates funds for the design and construction of the Chatham County Detention Center Expansion. The copper telephone cables must be replaced with fiberoptic cables to accommodate the current and future expansions of the Detention Center.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Currently, AT&T's copper cables are located on Georgia Power utility poles. The copper cables must be replaced to accommodate the new design configuration with fiberoptic cables. The current building entry location of the copper cables will not accommodate future expansion.
2. The cost to replace and re-route the cable is \$17,727.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2008 - 2014) - Design/ Construction of Chatham County Detention Center
(3803355 - 54.13007 - 38060407)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$17,727 sole source contract with AT&T to replace copper telephone cables with fiberoptic cables at CCDC.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
TOM DRANE

ITEM U

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$13,538 construction contract with OECl to install telephone conduits for the Chatham County Detention Center (CCDC) Expansion project.

BACKGROUND: The 2008-2014 SPLOST referendum allocates funds in the amount of \$109 million for the design and construction of the Chatham County Detention Center Expansion project. This project involves installing two (2) conduits for new fiberoptic for the Detention Center expansion.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Current copper cables used for telephone service to CCDC have to be replaced to facilitate construction restraints. This work will be done before AT&T implements new fiberoptic contract work pending Board approval.
2. Three local contractors submitted quotes for this project. The quotes are as follows:

OECl Savannah, GA	\$ 13,538
A&V Electric Co. Savannah, GA	\$ 14,365
Total Phase Construction Garden City, GA	\$ 19,407

FUNDING: SPLOST (2008 - 2014) - Design/Construction of Chatham County Detention Center (3803355 - 54.13007 - 38060407)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$13,538 construction contract with OECl for installation telephone conduits for the Chatham County Detention Center Expansion project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
TOM DRANE

ITEM V

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$575,000 purchase of a used, 1992 MD 500N helicopter from Helicopter Minit Men, Inc., for Mosquito Control.

BACKGROUND: Mosquito Control conducts aerial missions with two (2) pilots and four (4) aircrafts. However, with the Chief Pilot flying only helicopters, and the Pilot/Mechanic flying only airplanes, the program lacks depth and sustainability. Mosquito Control proposes to improve the program by selling the Piper Navajo Chieftain airplane and purchasing an MD 500 series helicopter.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Chatham County owns and operates four (4) aircrafts: Two (2) MD 500E helicopters used for mosquito surveillance inspection flights, both immature and adult mosquito control missions, police operations, fire fighting, and several emergency support functions including search and rescue, and damage assessment; one (1) Piper Navajo Chieftain airplane used only for adult mosquito control; and one (1) Air Tractor airplane used for immature mosquito control and fire fighting. The helicopters are considerably more versatile machines.
2. Mosquito Control is not asking for an equipment increase, and not asking for a personnel increase. Mosquito Control proposes to sell the Piper Navajo Chieftain and replace it with the purchase of an MD 500 series helicopter. If approved, Mosquito Control would operate three (3) helicopters with two (2) pilots and manage their maintenance so that aircraft availability would be essentially guaranteed for any and all missions. Mosquito Control will continue to use the Air Tractor.

3. Cross training the Pilot/Mechanic to fly helicopters has already begun. Not all pilots are capable of competently operating both airplanes and helicopters. Mark Hansen, our Pilot/Mechanic is supremely capable. In October, 2010 he will have worked for Chatham County for 5 years. He has accumulated 7,200 total hours as a pilot in command.
4. Having two (2) pilots capable of operating our helicopters provides needed staffing depth. If one (1) pilot is unavailable, the other pilot can operate a helicopter and perform all types of missions: mosquito control, police operations, fire fighting, and Chatham Emergency Management Agency functions.
5. Selling the Chieftain and purchasing an MD 500 helicopter has the additional benefits of: 1) removing leaded fuel from our operations which is environmentally better; 2) allowing Mosquito Control to store only a single aviation fuel, Jet A (Jet A fuel is less expensive and significantly safer than the aviation gas used in the Chieftain.); 3) staff will maintain two (2), less complex, aircraft, MD 500 helicopters and an Air Tractor, instead of three (3) aircraft models with ownership of the Chieftain; 4) our parts inventory required to maintain all the aircraft can be reduced.
6. During previous Board meetings, approval was granted to move funds into CIP Mosquito Control Helicopter Project which now totals \$443,928. An amount of \$47,400, obtained from the previous sale of an obsolete rotary ditcher will be transferred into the CIP Mosquito Control Helicopter Project. Finally, Mosquito Control has set aside \$83,672 in M & O funds for this purchase. A budget amendment to consolidate the funding into the CIP fund has been prepared for Board action.
7. Mosquito Control Aviation staff have researched the market, found a number of suitable MD 500 series helicopters, and received quotes on eleven aircraft. Three are available within our budget:

Agency	Model	Model Year	Airframe Hours	Price
Helicopter Minit Men, Inc.	MD 500N	1992	11,000	\$575,000
Procopters, Inc.	MD 500E	1992	22,827	\$575,000
MHOC, LLC	MD 500N	1995	7500	\$613,000

8. The MD 500N helicopter from Helicopter Minit Men, Inc., has been inspected by staff and found to be in good mechanical condition. It is the best value of available aircraft that meet Chatham County's needs.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of the \$575,000 purchase of a used, 1992 MD 500N helicopter from Helicopter Minit Men, Inc., for Mosquito Control.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

FUNDING: CIP - Mosquito Control (An amendment to the CIP fund has been prepared for Board action)
(3505144 - 54.21003 - 3503056Z)

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to support environmentally sound, cost effective mosquito control operations.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM W

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$210,330, for the purchase with installation from Middle Georgia Outdoor Lighting, Inc., for Musco Sports Lighting at Jim Golden Complex for Chatham County Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: On 6 November 2009, the Board approved the purchase with installation from Middle Georgia Outdoor Lighting, Inc., in the amount of \$378,990 for the Jim Golden Complex.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Board set aside funds in 2009 to upgrade the Jim Golden Sports Complex. The first phase which included the installation of lights for two fields which was completed in early 2010.
2. The prep work for the two remaining two fields was included in initial Plans for Phase One.
3. Contract history is as follow:

Original Contract (11/6/09) \$378,990
Change Order No. 1 (pending) 210,330

Revised contract amount \$589,320

FUNDING: CIP - Parks and Recreation
 (3506100 - 54.12009 - 35031330) \$ 115,000
 (3501500- 54.12009 - 35030948) \$ 95,330

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$210,330 for the purchase with installation from Middle Georgia Outdoor Lighting, Inc., for Musco Sports Lighting at Jim Golden Complex for Chatham County Public Works and Park Services.
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 approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
 CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM X

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$241,403 construction contract to E&D Contracting Services, Inc. to pave Fenwick Avenue.

BACKGROUND: Fenwick Avenue is on the list of unpaved roads in Unincorporated Chatham County. The proposed improvements include grading, drainage, base and paving on Fenwick Avenue, Entelmann Street and Medford Street.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This project was properly advertised and six (6) bids were received and opened on 18 August 2010. The bid responses are as follows:

** E&D Contracting Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$241,403
* Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc. Hardeeville, SC	\$251,410
Griffin Contracting, Inc. Pooler, GA	\$252,679
Sitework Construction, LLC. Savannah, GA	\$256,611
R.B. Baker Construction, Inc. Garden City, GA	\$274,000

* MBE firm
 **WBE firm

2. The project is expected to be completed within 120 days after issuing the Notice To Proceed.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003 - 2008) - Fenwick Avenue
 (3234220 - 52.12003 - 32356567)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$241,403 construction contract to E&D Contracting Services, Inc. to pave Fenwick Avenue.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
 CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM Y

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$56,406 purchase of 14 XTL5000 consolette radios from Motorola Communications for the I.C.S. Department.

BACKGROUND: Chatham County was awarded \$7.7 Million Dollars for Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC). This grant provides funding for Bryan County, Liberty County and Glynn County as well as Chatham County.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. On April 11, 2008, Governor Perdue notified Chatham County that it would be granted \$7,711,808 in PSIC funds to enhance and expand the Public Safety Radio System.
2. This Grant purchase is for 14 consolette radios to be placed with the 12 counties of the All Hazard Council's Region 5; the Georgia Port Authority and Fort Stewart.
3. The consolette radios will allow jurisdictions with older radio technology to join the Georgia Interoperability Network (GIN) and to allow their dispatch personnel to communicate with the Southeast Georgia Regional Radio Network (SEGARRN).
4. Staff believes the cost of \$56,406 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: Multiple Grant Fund - GEMA - PSIC Grant
(2501535 – 52.12099 – 25023972)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$56,406 purchase of fourteen (14) XTL5000 consolette radios from Motorola Communications for the I.C.S. Department.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
TOM DRANE

ITEM Z

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order No. 4 to the Annual Contract with Coastal -Sail Paper Chemical Supply Company, of Savannah Georgia to provide various Paper and Chemical Supplies for Various Departments within Chatham County.

BACKGROUND: On 11 May 2007, the board approved the award of an annual contract with automatic renewals options for four (4) additional one year terms, to Coastal-Sail Paper Chemical Supply Company.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Coastal-Sail Paper Supply Company has recently provided a notification of price changes associated with the manufacturer imposed price increases due to the escalating costs in energy, transportation, packaging and raw material has raised the price of various items listed below. Coastal-Sail Paper Chemical Supply Company has provided documentation to support the manufacturer's price increase.
2. The Staff conducted an search of probable vendors including the Internet to verify the price escalation and the requested price increases are consistent with the trend throughout.
3. Staff believes Coastal-Sail Paper Chemical Supply Company request for the County to contractually recognize the manufacturer price increase on the items list below to be fair and reasonable.
4. New prices will be as follows:

Item:	Description	Old Price	New Price
2.	Latex Gloves		
	Sm 10/100's per case	\$38.75	\$49.99
	Med 10/100's per case	\$38.75	\$49.99

	Lg 10/100's per case	\$38.75	\$49.99
	XL 10/100's per case	\$38.75	\$49.99

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 4 to the Annual Contract with Coastal-Sail Paper Chemical Supply Company, of Savannah Georgia to provide various Paper and Chemical Supplies for Various Departments within Chatham County.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM AA

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a local match of \$70,184 for the purchase of six (6) paratransit buses for Chatham Area Transit.

BACKGROUND: Chatham Area Transit Authority (CAT) was awarded a grant to purchase six (6) diesel paratransit buses to provide Teleride service. The CAT Board approved the purchase of the six (6) paratransit buses at the July 10, 2009, Board meeting. Chatham Area Transit has funding for rolling stock in a combination of four FTA grants. These grants can be used to replace our paratransit fleet. As a condition of receiving the grant, Chatham Area Transit must provide a local match.

FACT AND FINDINGS:

1. In January, CAT took over operations of the Teleride service. Prior to CAT taking over Teleride, the Authority leased buses through the contract with First Transit. These six (6) buses will be used to replace Teleride buses that have exceeded their useful life and needed to be replaced.
2. The six (6) paratransit buses have been delivered to Chatham County and are current in use to provide Teleride service. Teleride is currently funded in the County M&O budget. The CAT General Manager has requested that Chatham County provide the required local match for the Teleride vehicles. The local match is \$70,184.00.
3. The 2003-2008 SPLOST included funding for CAT equipment and vehicles. Staff is recommending that the County approve funding for the require matching grant funds from SPLOST.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2008-2013) - CAT Funding

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a local match of \$70,184 for the purchase of six (6) paratransit buses for Chatham Area Transit.
2. Provide staff other direction

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to match funds for the purchase of needed vehicles.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
TOM DRANE

PREPARED BY _____
PURCHASING AGENT

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XI. FIRST READINGS

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

None.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

None.

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. **PROGRESS REPORT ON GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT - M & O AND THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT (SEE ATTACHED).**
2. **LIST OF PURCHASING ITEMS BETWEEN \$2,500 AND \$9,999 (SEE ATTACHED).**

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-2
AGENDA DATE: September 17, 2010

List of Purchasing Items between \$2,500 and \$9,999
That Do Not Require Board Approval

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Annual hardware maintenance on Xiotech equipment	ICS	Xiotech (Sole Source)	\$7,464	General Fund/M & O - ICS
Emergency repair to Pool Pak unit	Aquatic Center	Boaen Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	\$6,675	General Fund/M & O - Aquatic Center
One (1) server	ICS	Dell Marketing (State Contract)	\$6,063	General Fund/M & O - ICS
One (1) computer and two (2) laptop computers	Sheriff	Dell Marketing (State Contract)	\$7,144	General Fund/M & O - Sheriff
Annual maintenance on scanner	Superior Court Clerk	Decision One Corporation (Sole Source)	\$3,372	General Fund/M & O - Superior Court Clerk
Provide construction documents for liquid chlorine storage tank	Aquatic Center	EMC Engineering Services	\$3,900	General Fund/M & O - Aquatic Center
Two (2) steel grates	Public Works and Park Services	General Foundries, Inc.	\$3,149	SSD - Public Works
Umpires for the month of July for youth softball games	Public Works and Park Services	Greater Savannah Umpires Assoc.	\$2,830	General Fund/M & O - Parks and Recreation
Seven (7) laptop computers	CEMA	Dell Marketing (State Contract)	\$9,958	General Fund/M & O - Reimbursable expenses
345gl of herbicides	Public Works and Park Services	Helena Chemical	\$5,400	SSD - Public Works
Sharpen reels on 16 mowers	Public Works and Park Services	Johnson Turf Repair	\$2,500	General Fund/M & O - Parks and Recreation

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
425 blank traffic signs	Public Works and Park Services	Vulcan, Inc.	\$2,945	SSD - Public Works

3. ROADS AND DRAINAGE REPORTS.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 Roads
AGENDA DATE: September 17, 2010

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

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

BACKGROUND: Funding priorities for projects using Federal aid are established in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). 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. Estimated completion is September 2013.
3. Whitefield Avenue. ROW was certified by the GDOT on June 23. Final Field Plan Review (FFPR) scheduled for December 2010. Letting scheduled for FY 2011.
4. Bay Street Widening from I-516 to Bay Street Viaduct. Concept Report approved February 9, 2005. 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. Right of Way acquisitions on hold. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) determined that one of the properties previously considered non-historic may be eligible for historic preservation. Alternatives being evaluated for avoidance or minimal disturbance to the property.
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. Award of construction contract pending approval by the Board.
 - 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 complete. ROW acquisition complete. Utility relocation in progress. County Contract with GDOT complete.
 - g. Billings Road. Design complete. One acquisition 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.
 - i. Catherine Street/Adeline Drive. Paving completed August 2010.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts All

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 DRAINAGE
AGENDA DATE: September 17, 2010

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

ISSUE: To provide information on the status of Chatham County 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 the contract is executed. Work will take 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. The SR 307/Hardin Canal Bridge Culvert project is underway. Dean Forest Road reopened to traffic on August 19, 2010. Completion of both projects is expected by 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 construction project to replace three culverts is complete. Staff is reviewing the need for additional improvements to improve capacity and access for maintenance.

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 are complete. A contract to design five undersized culverts along the canal is pending Board approval.

5. Queensbury Drainage Improvements. The project area is south of Montgomery Cross Road and west of Ferguson Avenue (includes Tara Manor, Ennis Mobile Home Park, Lakeview and Forest City Gun Club). A preliminary design for improvements to serve Tara Manor is underway. Final design of improvements for 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 September 2010 and will be completed by 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 will be substantially complete by the end of September. Staff is reviewing alternative concepts to extend needed drainage improvements within the system.

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 the Norwood Place outfall. Design work is also underway for the outfall at Skidaway Road. Staff is acquiring required rights-of-ways and easements for these two 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 is underway. A change order to address unforeseen underground utility conflicts is pending. 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. Design, acquisitions, and permitting is complete. The US Army Corps of Engineers permit contains 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. Staff will present a recommendation to the Board in October for approval of the donation.

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. Staff is in the process of acquiring required right-of-way for construction and maintenance. Final design plans and required permitting are expected to be complete by November 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. Construction work along Skidaway/Parkersburg Roads in front of the Isle of Hope School is complete and the soccer field area is vacated and the ground restored. Remaining construction work along Lisbon and Romney Place could not be completed by the contract deadline because of delays by a utility company in relocating some of their facilities. Staff expects substantial completion of the work by the end of September.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.
Districts: All

4. INFORMATION REPORT ON MOTHER MATHILDA BEASLEY PARK.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-4
AGENDA DATE: September 17, 2010

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Patrick Monahan, Asst. County Manager
Robert W. Drewry, Director, Public Works & Park Services

ISSUE:

To provide an update on Mother Mathilda Beasley Park.

BACKGROUND:

At the July 9 meeting, Commissioner James Holmes requested that Mother Mathilda Beasley Park, a project funded in the 2003-2008 SPLOST, be given higher priority for completion of the master plan. In a memo, he provided a list of items. Staff agreed and suggested a monthly report to provide an update.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. The attached summary identifies the items for completion, provides an update and notes a targeted completion date. This is report #2. Major changes since the last report include:
 - 1.1 Concrete pedestrian pathway–Pathway bidding via quotes, which should be approved within the next two weeks. Completion of pathway will provide ADA accessibility to field area and provide vehicular access to complete installation of bleachers.
 - 1.2 Playground equipment–One vendor has reviewed and submitted proposal. Award planned for first meeting in October.
 - 1.3 MMB House–Bill of Sale signed and executed for Chatham County’s ownership. Purchasing Office begins advertising for design-build contract.
 - 1.4 Picnic pavilion–Design about 75% complete. Construction drawings scheduled for completion and project advertised in mid-October.
2. Items are divided into categories of “Recreational” and “Master Plan–Miscellaneous.” The recreational items relate to park improvements while the master plan–miscellaneous refer to the historical acknowledgment to the park’s namesake, Mother Mathilda Beasley.
3. Per the memo, some items are complete. The longer-lead items will require coordination with the Purchasing Office for bidding before a contract can be awarded.

FUNDING:

Funding will be from 2003-2008 SPLOST, Mother Mathilda Beasley Park.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

As noted during the Board meeting, Chatham County has a legal responsibility under SPLOST to complete the project in a timely manner but as well assumes a commitment to the community to complete a project which citizens groups helped to develop and promote for funding.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

APPROVED this _____ day of October, 2010.

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

Barbara B. Wright, Acting Clerk