

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2010, IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 124 BULL STREET, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pete Liakakis called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m., Friday, November 19, 2010.

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Liakakis said, I call on Commissioner Priscilla Thomas for the Invocation, please. Commissioner Priscilla Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Doing the Invocation for us this morning is the Honorable Doctor Benny R. Mitchell. He is the esteemed pastor of Connor’s Temple Baptist Church and a great leader in this community. Dr. Mitchell. Dr. Mitchell gave the Invocation.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Liakakis said, I call on Commissioner Helen Stone to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Stone led the Pledge of Allegiance to Flag of the United States of America.

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Chairman Liakakis said, I call on Janice Bocook, temporary clerk, for the roll call, please.

IV. ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll.

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

Also present: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
 R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney
 Janice E. Bocook, Temporary Clerk

Not Present: James J. Holmes, District Two

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. UNITED WAY GOAL (MICHAEL EDWARDS AND RUSS ABOLT). (AS OF THURSDAY, THE 18TH OF NOVEMBER, COUNTY EMPLOYEES HAVE RAISED \$108,000!!!!)

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, next on the agenda Proclamations and Special Presentations. I call upon Michael Edwards and Russ Abolt on our United Way Goal for the county.

County Manager Russ Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, Dr. Thomas, Commissioner Stone, gentlemen, I – I’m introducing to you again a gentleman who truly has been a super hero in leading us through a campaign for all county employees to participate in United Way. Michael Edwards is a champion. He’s – he’s joined by many of the employees that joined with him to make this a successful campaign. But you will note in your packet as of last night the final tally on the very generous expression of love from our county employees has exceeded a hundred and eight thousand. This

I believe is the second year in a row in which we've pierced the hundred thousand barrier. The – the goal was actually I think about \$86,000. This is such a wonderful testimony for the men and women that work for Chatham County and for which I am most blessed as I know you all are. This has been a special week. A week where just a few days ago the Chairman and y'all joined to say a special prayer of Thanksgiving because of so much that has happened in this community in the last several months, and the fact that we have been singled out as – as a community to be blessed for jobs and economic prosperity, but also we're blessed in these very difficult times with the men and women that work for this county, and I want to introduce Michael Edwards and say thank you to him. We also understand that by noontime today the Chairman will represent the county and there will be a – a major event in celebration by the United Way. But it begins and ends with the wonderful people that work with Chatham County, of which Michael Edwards, as Captain Hook a few weeks ago started the campaign. It's wonderful to introduce Michael Edwards and tell him thank you.

Michael Edwards said, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, good morning.

Commissioner Farrell said, good morning.

Mr. Edwards said, I am Michael Edwards. I am your public defender and for the next few hours I'm still your campaign chairman for the 2010 United Way Campaign, and I'm just honored and delighted to serve the county in both of those capacities but especially this morning as United Way Chairman. It is been an extraordinary several weeks, and it's gone by remarkably fast. It's hard to believe that we're going to be completing our celebra – our full Coastal Empire campaign this afternoon.

I wanted just to share – and – and I will be brief, I know you have a lot of business on the agenda this morning. But I wanted just to share just a little bit of information with you. I had – was thinking about the fact that the United Way of the Coastal Empire supports over a hundred and twenty human services organizations throughout the Coastal Empire and that's just extraordinary. That's a – that's just a tremendous amount of work that the – the United Way directs, and it's hard to think about how that could happen, and I started thinking about it – it sort of reminds me of that old chart that was up in my elementary school, and I bet every one of yours that evaporation chart, where you've got the pool of water, and the dash lines that represent the water going up into the sky and then the – the clouds collecting the water and then it rains back down onto the mountains and flows right back in – into the pool, and that cycle continues. And that's what we do in our community and what the United Way does through our community. It's that synergy of – of community giving and United Way distributing that makes us a much better community and helps so many people who are in such great need. And this year, of course, we all know – you all know better than any of us 'cause you see it every week, that the level of need in this year and the last couple of years has been so much greater even than it has been in the past. So we were a little bit concerned. We knew Chatham County's always stepped up. Our – our government family has always been great, wonderful givers, and we knew we would be again this year. We were confident of it, but we still had a little bit of apprehension. But we got together at the beginning of the campaign and we talked, and we said, you know, it's been several years now since the county increased its goal, which had been set at about \$75,000 for the last several years. And we decided in spite of the economy, really because of the economy, rather than reduce our goal, we're going to increase it, because we were confident that – that our family – our government family – our workplace family was going to step up and recognize that because there's such a greater need, there's really that much more that we need to be doing to – to be our – our brothers and our sisters keepers, and that is our task. So we increased. It was modest, but we increased to \$82,500, and we thought, well, if – if – if we can just get a few more people to participate; if we can just get those people who participated historically maybe to participate just a little bit more, we won't have any problem once again meeting and exceeding the goal that Chatham County has done year in and year out. As Mr. Abolt told you earlier, as of yesterday, we had a figure of \$108,000 as our campaign total, which is about a hundred and twenty-five percent of what our goal was set at. But this morning, and I'm sorry I wasn't able to share this with Mr. Abolt sooner, I'm sure he would have liked to – for your agenda to have been more accurate, but this morning, I am thrilled beyond measure to tell you that the 2010 Chatham County government campaign not only met and exceeded its goal, we have raised a whopping, and what I think is a record figure and the numbers are still coming in. And, you know, I used to go to the MDA telethons growing up with my parents who were very active in that. And I always wanted to be Jerry Lewis doing his – his act of rolling out the numbers, so we're going to roll out some numbers this morning. This year so far with numbers still being counted Chatham County government campaign raised \$121,518.00.

Mr. Abolt said, wow.

Mr. Edwards said, and – and as I said, that's a tremendous number and the number is literally still going up. Leigh Herald has been the loaned executive and has done a tremendous job, and I'm going to ask Leigh to step up here with us for just a minute. Just a couple more comments and we'll wrap it up. As I say, I know everybody's got a lot on the agenda. Leigh has done an amazing, amazing job. I don't know where she has found all the time that she has found to put into the project and how she has maintained her energy. It's been hard to keep up with her. Thankfully, I've had her cell phone number because she's been going and going and going. But she's just done an amazing job. We started off the campaign having our library, the Live Oak Library as a pace setter. Which is a group of – of – of entities and agencies that kick off the – the campaign. We started off with the library having 100% participation and exceeding the giving that they have done – had done annually and historically, and so we all had a big bar that was already raised. We had at least, I think five other departments – I'm sorry, four other departments that ended up with 100% participation, which was a major goal that we had this year. Internal audit, purchasing, county attorney, and finance all had 100% participation. That's extraordinary. And then we had about a dozen or more departments with substantial increases over last year's giving. Some departments that have never been able to really participate at any substantial level, but we've had increases from – and I'll just run through them quickly, district attorney, engineering, finance, who also had a hundred percent participation, mosquito control, probate court, purchasing, tax assessor's, tax commissioner, Chatham County attorney again with a hundred percent participation, CNT, the public defender's office, the public library, Live Oak Public Library, as I mentioned before; all of those agency – departments increased over their historical level of giving, and there may be more as the numbers continue to come in. The Sheriff's Department, who is the largest department in the county, had – reached a historic mark of \$37,000.00 this year from their

department alone. And – and the success stories just go on and on and on. But the greatest success is that we came together as a family, as a community of people here in Chatham County once again, and were able to succeed in – in ways beyond everybody's hope and expectation. Far beyond what we had – had hoped and prayed that we would do. And I'm not surprised by it, but I sure am proud of it, and we just thank you all for all of your support. Thank you.

Mr. Abolt said, thank you, Michael.

Chairman Liakakis said, we thank all of our county employees because they do many things in our community, not only of giving a lot of money to the charities especially to United Way, but they work in many civic and other organizations in our community to help make our county, our cities better; and we really appreciate that.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

Chairman Liakakis said, and next under Item VI, is the introduction of Steve Weathers, the new president and CEO of Savannah Economic Development Authority. Steve?

Steve Weathers said, good morning, Mr. Chairman, thank you. And Commissioners, thank you for allowing me just a couple of minutes to introduce myself. Again, I'm Steve Weathers, the new president of the Savannah Economic Development Authority, and I've – I've met a couple of you, just briefly, and what I wanted to do is really let you know I – I – it's a great opportunity. I look forward to working with you and with the staff here. I've actually been on the job two weeks, so I don't know a lot about the county yet, and I'm hoping to be able to – I'm going to follow-up with each of you individually and sit down with you, but also have yourselves or your staff take me on tours of your individual districts to really get to know the neighborhoods, the communities, and – and really what is on your mind, what is on the mind of the citizens here, and how can the SEDA organization best support you and the citizens for job creation and – and creating a better economy here. So, thank you very much. I don't really have anything other than just I'm – I'm very committed to this, and I appreciate the opportunity to – to support Chatham County and work with all of you and your team. Thank you very much.

Chairman Liakakis said, Steve, we're really glad to have you, and we think that was a coup for the Savannah Economic Development Authority to be able to get you to come to Savannah because you did an outstanding job and were able to get many business and industry to locate in your area at the time and went beyond the call of duty some people tell me for that solicitation to do that because it really helps our economy and all. We welcome you to Savannah, all the municipalities and to Chatham County. We know that you're going to do a good job, and all of our citizens can be really happy because you're going to help us with the economy to go higher than it's been.

Mr. Weathers said, well, I appreciate that, and it will be great for me to take all the credit but what you find, and I think Savannah's got a – and Chatham County's got a great opportunity, is it really is a team effort, and you're going to find my style of working is really to – to call on you, to call on the other leaders of the community, all the academic institutions, the business community, and really I think I look at myself really as more of a convenor or facilitator to put the team together to move our economy higher. A lot of times groups like SEDA or the president gets that visibility, but really what I want to emphasize it is a community team effort and from everything I've met here, the warm welcome, I think we've got a great team in Chatham County and Savannah to put this together and improve the economy here. So, thank you very much.

Chairman Liakakis said, Patrick Shay?

Commissioner Shay said, and Steve welcome to Savannah first of all –

Mr. Weathers said, thank you.

Commissioner Shay said, – Chatham County. In my professional career, I'm an – I'm an architect, and over the last two to three years, I've seen the industry that I work in, the construction industry, really ravaged by this particular economic cycle. I've never seen anything like it in 30 odd years of being in business for myself. Right now we're experiencing at least 40% unemployment in the construction sector, probably more than that maybe more than 50%. So I look forward to working with you to try and develop strategies for how as we attract economic development to our community; that we take advantage of the talent that we have here. We have so much talent in – in Chatham County that's related to the construction industry – and other industries too, but I'm – I'm more aware of the construction industry. We have the ability to design it, and engineer it, and contract it, and build it with our – our – our men and women from Chatham County; and I look forward to working with you to help ensure that as that economic development happens that we become even more a part of it than we have been in the past.

Mr. Weathers said, yeah, and I – I appreciate that, and that is what we need to develop – develop some strategies here so we can improve opportunities to really employ all the citizens of this county.

Commissioner Shay said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, Priscilla?

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to also welcome you, and we're very proud of the fact that you are willing to get out into the community and meet the people and see exactly what's there. I'm delighted and hopefully that I will be ready and – and at your disposal to make sure that you have that opportunity to – to meet with the people of District 8.

Mr. Weathers said, I appreciate that. Thank you, very much.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you, Steve.

Mr. Weathers said, thank you. Thank you all.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you.

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

NONE.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

- 1. UPDATE THE BOARD ON EMPLOYEE WELLNESS PROGRAM. NOTE: Item was tabled at October 8, 2010, meeting and should remain on the table until the November 5, 2010, meeting. Request item remain on the table.**

Chairman Liakakis said, under item VIII, item 1 under that category. Request that the item remain on the table.

Commissioner Odell said, I – I'd like to take it off just to make some announcements then put it back on the table. I'll make a motion to take it off the table.

Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, all in favor, let's go on the Board.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to take the item off the table to give an update. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Holmes was not present.]

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Commissioner Odell said, the purpose of taking it off the table was not to officially deal with it today but to give the fellow Commissioners some update on what's been done and what we're doing towards the Wellness Program. Why is this important to you? Well, it's going to cost us approximately \$20 million. It impacts every employee that's employed by Chatham County. We have a series of meetings, and Russ can give you the dates. I don't see Mike Kaigler. We have a series of meetings. The first thing we're going to do is we're going to meet with our managerial staff to –

Mr. Abolt said – Monday.

Commissioner Odell said, – Monday, at six o'clock, Russ or?

Mr. Abolt said, noon. Noon, sir.

Commissioner Odell said, noon?

Mr. Abolt said, yeah.

Commissioner Odell said, and the purpose of that meeting will be to – we have an excellent program. We want to make certain that the program continues to be excellent in this economically strapped time. We need their assistance and their guidance and what kinds of things we can do to make certain that it's cost effective. We see them as being part of the solution. That's the first meeting. The second meeting is that – will be in December, Russ?

Mr. Abolt said, yes, sir. I don't have the exact date with the physicians. Yes, sir.

Commissioner Odell said, right I think it's December the 7th. Sixth or seventh, and – no, it's – the Christmas party – our Christmas party will be the seventh, so it's probably the 6th. The purpose of that meeting will be – we will meet with all – as many of the physicians who provide care to, not only our employees, but any person covered by our health insurance plan, to update them on our concerns, and receive information from them. I'm asking that everyone be

notified of the date, invite any Commissioner who wishes to attend, to attend. We have a problem, but I think that we are making strides to get a handle on it. Keep the program viable, and our not go bankrupt because of health care. And with that unless there are comments from fellow Commissioners, I'd ask that it be tabled.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. I need a second.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right, I've got a second. Let's go on the Board.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to put the item back on the table. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Homes was not present.]

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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) increase revenues and expenditures in the Multiple Grant Fund: 1) \$250,000 for a grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to Juvenile Court and b) \$2,000 for a grant from the Council of Juvenile Court judges to Juvenile court, (2) in the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund: 1) increase revenues and expenditures \$102,200 net Assets to the Solid Waste Restricted department for land improvements, and b) transfer \$59,500 from operating line items to temporary salaries within the Solid Waste Restricted budget.**

Chairman Liakakis said, next item for individual action, 1 to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: (1) increase revenues and expenditures in the Multiple Grant Fund: a) \$250,000 for a grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to Juvenile Court and b) \$2,000 for a grant from the Council of Juvenile Court judges to Juvenile court, (2) in the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund: a) increase revenues and expenditures \$102,200 net Assets to the Solid Waste Restricted department for land improvements, and b) transfer \$59,500 from operating line items to temporary salaries within the Solid Waste Restricted budget. Need a motion on the floor.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve item 1, to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: (1) increase revenues and expenditures in the Multiple Grant Fund: 1) \$250,000 for a grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to Juvenile Court and b) \$2,000 for a grant from the Council of Juvenile Court judges to Juvenile court, (2) in the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund: 1) increase revenues and expenditures \$102,200 net Assets to the Solid Waste Restricted department for land improvements, and b) transfer \$59,500 from operating line items to temporary salaries within the Solid Waste Restricted budget. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Holmes was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1
AGENDA DATE: November 19, 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) increase revenues and expenditures in the Multiple Grant Fund: a) \$250,000 for a grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to Juvenile Court and b) \$2,000 for a grant from the Council of Juvenile Court judges to Juvenile court, (2) in the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund: a) increase revenues and expenditures \$102,200 net Assets to the Solid Waste Restricted department for land improvements, and b) transfer \$59,500 from operating line items to temporary salaries within the Solid Waste Restricted budget.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. Juvenile Court has received a grant award of \$250,000 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. The Court has also been awarded an additional \$2,000 from the Council of Juvenile Court Judges for the Juvenile Offenders Program. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Multiple Grant Fund are attached.
- 2. The Public Works and Parks Services Director has requested a \$102,200 appropriation

of Net Assets in the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund to the Solid Waste Restricted department for land improvements. A transfer of \$59,500 from operating line items to temporary salaries within the Solid Waste Restricted budget is also requested. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the fund are attached.

FUNDING: Funds are available in the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund for the transfers. The budget amendments will establish funding in the Multiple Grant and Solid Waste Enterprise Funds.

ALTERNATIVES:

(1) That the Board approve the following:

MULTIPLE GRANT FUND

- a) increase revenues and expenditures \$250,000 for a grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council,
- b) increase revenues and expenditures \$2,000 for a grant from the Council of Juvenile Court Judges.

SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE FUND

- a) increase revenues and expenditures \$102,200 Net Assets to the Solid Waste Restricted department for land improvements,
- b) transfer \$59,500 from operating line items to temporary salaries within the Solid Waste Restricted budget.

(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 PLAN TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE LAND BANK/SURPLUS PROPERTY FUND.

Chairman Liakakis said, item 2, to request board approve a plan to provide funding for the Land Bank/Surplus Property Fund. Russ?

County Manager Russ Abolt said, yes. Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, you might recall in the first quarter financial report we did indicate that we have three funds that were in problems based on the lack of revenue coming in the Land Bank Properties Fund is one of them. You'll also recall back in September, because of the individual work of one person I want to recognize right now, Mr. Pat Monahan. He's come up with a solution that would involve taking commissions from the sale of land, and in effect, putting those commissions into replenishing the Land Bank Authority. This is only possible because of – of the accomplishments of Mr. Monahan. As you know, he is a realtor. He also has spent countless hours using that knowledge for the benefit of Chatham County citizens and Chatham County taxpayers. He's ramping it up a notch by taking what amounts to a typical 3% commission on that he would do the closing and that money would go into the Land Bank Authority and make it whole. And I want to personally recognize Mr. Monahan and also indicate to you that we have a successful strategy to balance the Land Bank Authority Budget.

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

Commissioner Odell said, move for approval. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Let's go on the Board.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve a plan to provide funding for the Land Bank/Surplus Property Fund. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Holmes was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2
AGENDA DATE: November 19, 2010

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Patrick Monahan, Asst. County Manager

ISSUE:
To approve a plan to provide funding for the Land Bank/Surplus Property Fund.

BACKGROUND:

The Board of Commissioners created the Land Bank/Surplus Property Fund as a separate fund account to contribute funds for the Chatham/Savannah Land Bank Authority, pay for maintenance of surplus county lots, fund surveys, environmental reviews and studies for purchase and sale of property and make improvements to county property. In past years, sale of surplus property has contributed funding the Land Bank Fund and without any reliance on general operating funds. With the economic downturn and the lack of sales activity, the funding has not replenished the Land Bank/Surplus Property account.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. Without funding, Chatham County has not funded the Chatham/Savannah Land Bank Authority in several years. While the County has contributed vacant lots, the City of Savannah and federal grants have funded operating expenses for return of non-taxable generating lots into tax generating status. As important, if not more, many of the lots become available houses for lower and moderate income families.
 - 1A. The lack of funding means the Land Bank Authority cannot take advantage of depressed sales prices nor bid in on distressed properties at auction.
2. The lack of funding from sales of properties has also affected the County's ability to fund lot maintenance and other activities which the Land Bank/Surplus
3. In the past, the Land Bank/Surplus Property account has not only fully supported itself, but in the mid-2000s, provided more than \$1.5 million to the General Fund.

FUNDING:

Staff has developed a plan to restore some funding to the Land Bank/Surplus Property account. Since staff time gets devoted to property acquisitions, a 3% commission would be paid to the Land Bank/Surplus Property account for property acquisitions (excluding road and drainage projects since an outside firm handles these). In addition, as surplus funds become available from property leases, a portion of these funds would be made available.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve a policy/practice that a 3% commission, representing staff time in the sale or acquisition of properties (excluding roads and drainage) would be paid into the Land Bank/Surplus Property account; and any funds deemed excess from the lease of property would be transferred on a case-by-case basis by the Board into the Land Bank/Surplus Property Account.
2. That the Board opt to fund the Land Bank/Surplus Property account through general fund appropriations.
3. That the Board take other action, as it deems appropriate.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Use of funds as recommended remains consistent with Georgia law and provides a recurring source of funding from the Land Bank/Surplus Property account during this economic downturn.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

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Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, at this time I'd like to make a motion to table number 3, number 5, and number 6. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. Let's go on the Board.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Dean Kicklighter made a motion to table item 3, to request board approval of an action plan to provide further stimulus to the local economy through County capital construction; item 5, to request board approval for allocation of Indigent Healthcare funding; and item 6, to request board consideration of a request for tax refund of Pacific Homes, Inc., for tax year 2008 in the amount of \$1,553.98, including penalties, interest and fees (\$776.99 each for PINs 80010F08016 and 80010F08017). The property is located in Bloomingdale. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Holmes was not present.].

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3. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF ACTION PLAN TO PROVIDE FURTHER STIMULUS TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY THROUGH COUNTY CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Dean Kicklighter made a motion to table item 3, to request board approval of an action plan to provide further stimulus to the local economy through County capital construction. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Holmes was not present.]

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4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A LAND LEASE WITH THE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE HEALTH CENTER ON EISENHOWER.

Chairman Liakakis said, item 4, request board approve a land lease with the Board of Health for the health center on Eisenhower. Russ?

County Manager Russ Abolt said, this is just a formality, but this does recognize a special and desired partnership with the health – the Board of Health to allow them to proceed with the development and expansion of their facility on Eisenhower and it obviously is a continued commitment between this Board and the Board of Health to make a much better and accessible facility on Eisenhower and Sallie Mood.

Commissioner Odell said, move for approval.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, Helen?

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

Commissioner Thomas said, oh, sorry.

Commissioner Stone said, I just have a couple of concerns. They've been in business out there 50 years and we've never had a lease. Why now?

Mr. Abolt said, because you're expanding the facility. That's the idea. It's been around there for about 50 years.

Commissioner Stone said, okay, but, you know, they've – they've operated out there without a lease for 50 years, correct?

Mr. Abolt said, I don't know how long it's been there.

Commissioner Farrell said, well that's what it said.

Commissioner Stone said, 1960.

Mr. Abolt said, whatever – whatever it says, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Farrell said, July 15, 1960.

Commissioner Stone said, 1960, so 50 years. So, we're going to grant a 50-year lease which puts us into 2060, and I'm just wondering what this is – who is this going to benefit. I mean, why is it necessary now? It hasn't been necessary before. I have some real concerns going forward. Is – is this putting the Health Department in control of this property versus Chatham County? In – in light of some of the issues with the soccer complex, I'm just wondering why this is coming to a forefront now.

Mr. Abolt said, well, ma'am, it's coming to the forefront now because you've agreed to expand the facility. We're using SPLOST money to do that. This has a long-standing tradition of doing this.

Commissioner Stone said, but they've made improvements --

Commissioner Farrell said, but this is County property, right?

Commissioner Stone said, yes.

Mr. Abolt said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Farrell said, so where – you know –

Commissioner Stone said, I mean I –

Mr. Abolt said, they – they

Commissioner Stone said, well they've made improvements out there before –

Commissioner Farrell said, if we're –

Commissioner Stone said, – and we've never had a lease.

Commissioner Farrell said, -- if we're doing SPLOST improvements on County property, then who are we protecting with this lease?

Mr. Abolt said, it – it's a business arrangement between yourself and the Board of Health. You are separate from the Board of Health, and they would – they would legitimately expect certain guarantees as far as the expansion of that parcel. Every – everything that's been done for years to keep them at that location.

Chairman Liakakis said, Pat?

Commissioner Stone said, well --

Assistant County Manager, Pat Monahan said, I – I think – I think if we – if we look back to 1960, 1960 the record's clear that the then-Board of Commissioners set aside, and it's called a set-aside in the – in the Resolution, set aside 6.6 acres to the Chatham County Health Department at that location. Now, that in itself provides them, as the attorney will tell you, legal interest in that property because it's a set-aside. We're trying to formalize that arrangement through a lease, just as the county has done for – for other governmental entities. For example, parcel 7 on Hutchinson Island. That's a 50-year lease with the Trade Center Authority to allow the Trade Center Authority to develop it. We've – I could probably think of numerous other examples in which the county has entered – if it's a – if it's part of a – a – a body politic under Georgia law then the county can enter into that agreement for a longer term period. All – all we're trying to – now you could rely, if – if you wanted to, the Commission could just maintain the – the set-aside. I – I don't know exactly what that means. That would be a reservation of property. The problem is that that entire Sallie Mood tract is a hundred and fifty acres. It's listed as one PIN number of a hundred and fifty acres. And this day and time, the county would subdivide that property and identify the individual uses, whether its – it's the Aquatic Center, the Humane Society, Public Works, any of the other uses on that property, the – the county would formalize that probably through a major subdivision.

Commissioner Stone said, so I guess my concern is that if this lease is granted, and they decide to put up fencing or whatever they want to put up, then they have the right to do that. Is that correct?

Mr. Monahan said, I – I might argue that the Board of Health has the right to do that now under a set-aside.

Mr. Abolt said, they – they also have the issue of – of safety. I mean, we're doing construction out there. It's like not allowing the Sheriff to put up a fence around the detention center.

Commissioner Stone said, I understand, but this just came at a time when other discussions have been going on about the soccer complex and I'm just – I'm very concerned about this lease and – and what it's giving the authority to the Health Department to do on county property. That is my concern.

Mr. Abolt said, long before soccer we had the Health Department. And long before soccer we had a –

Commissioner Stone said, I understand that, and – and the Health Department provides a much needed service to the citizens of this community. I'm not here to denigrate or to question that in any way, shape or form. My concern is this is the taxpayers land, Chatham County, and to do a lease that we've never felt the need to do before right now, is – is – and it's a 50-year lease is a little bit concerning to me.

Chairman Liakakis said, Harris?

Commissioner Odell said, Just – just a couple of points. Legally this is cleaner. To enter into a lease is cleaner than the way we've done it. Even if we've done it for a thousand years. This is legally a better way to do it. Secondly, as to the fence, the Health Department has the absolute right, if we're doing construction now to put up the fence. This doesn't give them any great authority than they already have. Secondly, we do this for the Trade Center.

Commissioner Farrell said, mm-mmm.

Commissioner Odell said, we also have a similar situation with Chatham Area Transit Authority. I don't want the two issues to be confused. And the two issues are, is this a something – a business necessity, the answer is yes. Does this relate to the soccer? This was done before the soccer moms came here and didn't want to walk to the parking facility and wanted to park in the Health – it's a separate issue. They're not overlapping. They're not related. My – my last point is – for the fellow Commissioners is, it would be really good if we could forever and ever always agree 100% on every issue. But, I checked the by-laws and our charter and it is my humble legal opinion, it ain't necessary. It is not necessary that nine people agree. It is necessary to pass something for five people to agree. I think that this is legally the better thing to do, one. Two is it's a necessary thing to do. And it has nothing to do with soccer moms. I'm going to support this. I would urge fellow Commissioners to support it. But –

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, David?

Commissioner Gellatly said, was Pat?

Chairman Liakakis said, oh, excuse me, Patrick, go ahead.

Commissioner Gellatly said, go ahead, Pat.

Commissioner Shay said, all right. Having been involved in the last ten years with the master planning for this particular area, I think it's fair to point out that the existing building where the Health Department operates out of right

now, will be left in service during the construction project. It's not expected that the Health Department will relocate and go far away and then come back. But during a very complicated building project, in order to be able to build a very large addition, maybe larger than the existing building, and re – rearrange all the parking facilities that are on site, from time to time it's going to be necessary to move the fence here and there. I mean that's just – eventually some part of every part of this site is going to be in play. But I – I don't think that – that it should be under – looked at as some kind of a – a taking. In order for them to be able to move forward with this redevelopment, they're going to have to be able to take a property right, whether it's a set-aside or whether it's a lease, and give that to a general contractor anyway. Because that general contractor has to have care, custody, and control of the entire site in order to be able to do the construction operation. I do think this is a much cleaner way to achieve that. And I'm afraid that if we don't do it, that there'll be property rights questions that will come up throughout the redevelopment of the site that are going to be very, very difficult to untangle.

Chairman Liakakis said, Dave?

Commissioner Gellatly said, you know, it occurs to me, I – I – I do find it strange that all of the sudden we need a lease. But it – it – I – I don't really have a – a problem with a lease. And, you know, the – the neat thing about a lease, you can put anything in the lease you want. Can we put in the lease that any – any issues to do with a future request for a fence will require the up and down vote of the County Commission?

Chairman Liakakis said, you want to answer that, Jon?

County Attorney Jonathan Hart said, it – yeah. The – the bottom line here is this lease is probably the best thing to do, and the reason for that is we've got a long-term agreement with another entity, and there's been too many times in this community and communities all over the state where municipalities and counties get together, one donates the building, one donates this, and over the ages things get lost. Later, the facility becomes obsolete, the land becomes very valuable, and then there's a huge argument over who owns what, okay?

Commissioner Gellatly said, that – that's why I say, can we – the – the – the issue seems to be this fence and the squabble between the –

Mr. Hart said, you're getting ready to build a large facility out there, and it's going to be phase construction because, just as with the detention center, I think we're moving the fence nine times out there because of the – the construction in – in place. If you want to put that provision in there, we can do that. That means every time we want to move the fence in a construction project, we're going to have to come back to the Commission and ask if we can move the fence.

Chairman Liakakis said, Patrick?

Commissioner Farrell said, it is – occurred to me when I read this the other day, it was kind of suspect that we've been operating under a set of guidelines for 50 years and then we come up with a lease which has a lot of information in it that probably everybody in the audience hasn't seen. But, in item 2, one of them says – one – one sentence reads "the facility shall be used only for the purpose of public and community health services". A little later in item 3 there's some wording in here about "fencing, whether temporary during construction or permanently affixed to provide security and protection of property." I just question whose security and whose protection we're looking at. I mean this issue, to me, goes back to – we have taxpayer-funded properties that's intended for the benefit of the taxpayers, whether it be in health services, recreation. We've got Public Works down the street. We got the City of Savannah recreation across the street. These are facilities that we, as Commissioners, are the stewards for on behalf of the people of Chatham County that own them. And this issue has erupted from some bad behavior by some certain characters that are not using the parking over at the Health Department in a way that they should, and I fully understand and feel for the administration at the Health Department that they have to come to work on Monday and have a big mess that they have to deal with right on, when they have a bigger and higher mission, which is the health care of the whole community. So, I fully understand that. And I – and I fully agree with their position that – that something needs to be done about that. But coming up with a lease that in essence draws a line between one piece and use of publicly held property and another piece of publicly held and used property to make an impenetrable barrier to block out certain people, that doesn't ring very good with me. I – I feel like that there is a compromise in there. Perhaps whoever is taking care of the parking facilities for the recreation department needs to take on a Monday morning, early, first thing, look at what's going on at the Health Department. Perhaps they need to spend some time during these tournaments where there's an inordinate amount of people from out of town that may not have good housekeeping habits that they bring with them and – and cause some problems, 'cause that should not happen. But to me there is a compromise in there somewhere that the parking and the accessibility to this – to these two facilities should be working together in a cooperative manner and, you know, one should not be to the detriment of the other. They should be working together in cooperation. You know, if a lease is necessary at this point, I would strongly urge this commission to reserve the rights for all the citizens to park whether they're, as it says in here, "the purpose of public and community health services," recreation, animal control, whatever the – whatever their purpose is to come over to that side of town. We are trying to cont – con --build a citizen's service center in that general facility. To put up fences is really a subtle way of sending the wrong message. It's not inclusive. It is divisive. And, I believe that all these properties – that all these services should be working together in conjunction with one another. Whether it be county, city, state, or federal government. And that we should not be erecting, literal or figurative fences between these facilities. So, at the very least, if we don't just leave this agreement the same, I strongly would urge that in – we reserve the right, in this lease, which can be done very easily, and eliminate some of this language about fences and parking, and let the elected officials be responsible to make sure that all the players in this community get a fair shake. And there's not bias for one organization over another.

Chairman Liakakis said, Harris and then Helen.

Commissioner Odell said, the question that comes is why now? Why are we doing this now? And the obvious reason is that we're going to spend \$8.9 million to construct a facility and we're going to use SPLOST funding to do that, and

in order to construct the facility, the construction firm will need to have access and control of the property. This is a cleaner way to do it. Absolutely, a cleaner way to do it. I think that there are other solutions as far as the parking as it relates to the soccer. But -- so that we're not confused throughout our wealth of property, we delineate parking. We own the jail. I see the Sheriff is here or was here. I see Colonel Holmes. We own the jail. We own all of the property at the jail. But it is impossible for you as a private citizen to go to the Chatham County jail and say I'm a private citizen, I want to park anywhere. You can't do that. Fences will be necessary to protect the construction site. And let us not forget, in -- health care trumps recreational services. Health care is primary; recreation is secondary. Not to say that it's not important, but health care is primary. That's my position. You know, when we say for every time they move a fence to let's bring it back to the Commission so that we have elected people to make that decision, I would submit that that's already being done. We have a health board. The Chairman is an automatic member of the Board, but because of my background in Allied Health Sciences, and your approval, I serve as the county representative on the Board of Health. We have the Mayor, Otis Johnson, who serves on the Board of Health. There will not be a cavalier disrespect for the rights of citizens. But administratively, if we want this to come back to us and we're going to (inaudible) the lease, I look at Jon, and I think legally we might be able to do that but the impact of that is we meet every two weeks and occasionally they're going to need to move items, fence for like the typical project, a lot quicker than when we meet. It creates an administrative nightmare. We talk about saving money, but our actions and increasing the cost of projects by injecting something absolutely unnecessary costs money. It is absolutely unnecessary to say that there is only one group of people with concern -- concern for the citizens. And that's not true. I tend to believe that we all are concerned. We just show it in different ways. I do not want us to create a situation where the seven to ten times that we're going to move the fence, whenever they need it moved prior to being moved is going to have to come and be placed on our agenda, and meet the criterias for being placed on our agenda. If the majority chooses to do that, fine. But that's micromanaging something that don't need to be micromanaged.

Chairman Liakakis said, Helen?

Commissioner Stone said, thank you. I do agree with Commissioner Odell that health care does trump soccer. The concern that I have is that there could be coordination of these county facilities. It is very unfortunate that some citizens messed this up by parking on the curb and on the grass when they shouldn't have been doing that. And that's why I said all along, ticket them. Because that's what you would do in any other part of this city or this county. Give them a ticket. They shouldn't be doing that. The fence that I'm referring to is not necessarily construction fence. What we were told -- what we were told a couple of weeks ago was that there -- a part of the Health Department would be fenced off from parking. There wasn't at that time discussion of a construction fence. Yes, when construction is going on, I do agree that possibly it is very, very important to barricade the area that's -- that's under construction. That's not what I'm referring to. My concern here is that we are not taking the taxpayers' land property and using it in a coordinated effort. The Health Department, the soccer complex, the aquatic center, all of those areas are owned by the citizens of Chatham County. And all I'm asking is for some cooperation here and not to sign a lease that would allow the Health Department, not for construction purposes, but just to barricade the parking to put up a fence. That is my concern. And -- and this lease would allow that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Liakakis said, Dean?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, questions for Mr. Monahan. Who -- Pat, who actually oversaw the construction of the Trade Center? The County or the Trade Center Authority?

Assistant County Manager Pat Monahan said, I did.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, you did? Who will oversee the construction for the Health Department?

Mr. Monahan said, the Health Department. The County Commission in a vote back in August agreed to -- that the Health Department should take the lead on that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

Mr. Monahan said, under the design/build project.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Who built the original structure on the Health Department's -- their original building?

Mr. Monahan said, I believe the Health Department did.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay, so they did it then without the lease?

Mr. Monahan said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Do we have a written lease for the property that Memorial Hospital is constructed on? The County property?

Mr. Monahan said, that would -- that's --

County Attorney Jonathan Hart said, that -- that -- that property --

Mr. Monahan said, that property's vested in the title --

Mr. Hart said, yeah, that property is vested in the --

Mr. Monahan said, -- Hospital Authority.

Mr. Hart said, – Hospital Authority.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so is that yes we have a lease with them or what?

Mr. Hart said, well, we have a lease from the Hospital Authority back to Memorial – MMC, which is the operating entity for the hospital, yes, sir. We have a – originally it was a 50-year lease. I don't know where it is now.

Mr. Monahan said, that's not counting property, though. I think that's what – what you're trying to say.

Mr. Hart said, the property – the prop – the underlying property's owned by the Hospital Authority. The Hospital Authority leases the property and facilities back to the operating entity, which is Memorial Medical Center. Or Health University.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so the county does not own that property?

Mr. Hart said, no. Technically no but basically we – we control the Hospital Authority through appointments. In other words, we appoint the board. So, if the Hospital Authority wanted to sell the property, for example, we could replace the board, and that wouldn't happen.

Mr. Monahan said, that property is vested in the ti – I – I – I recall now because I maintain the county's inventory of land, and that property is vested in title of the Hospital Authority.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay, all right. That's – that's all for you. I agree with what's been said here about utilizing the county – the county's properties for as many things as possible. I think we have an opportunity here. I believe Commissioner Odell said \$8 million or something being spent here.

Commissioner Odell said, 8.9.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, \$8.9 million being spent here. I believe with a little – someone getting a little creative this facility could be constructed in a way that would actually help the people as far as parking right there and have the – it could all be designed where your emergency equipment and everything is located in such an area that should people pull in for soccer they would have a place to park and it should work – we should work together. It's – it's – it's so really sickening sitting here watching the different departments of our county go against each other like they're completely different things when – when – Russ, please. I'll – I will call on you as soon as – there he goes. He's figured out a good tactic to distract me.

Mr. Abolt said, I have. That's right, and I love y'all.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, it could be planned to absolutely work together. Work this thing out where – I mean, there's no need for all of this back and forth. You know, it – it – it kind of – I don't know, I won't say saddens me, but it amazes me the relentless pursuit of this fence because this body has not approved it, and it appears that it's coming at every angle we turn. At every single thing, where we should all be working together. And if we could just simply word a lease is fine. But – and I don't think anybody here has a problem fencing the entire thing off during the construction period 'cause, God knows, we don't want anyone killed while construction is going on. But, it needs to be worded where possibly once construction's finished, the fence will be removed, and you know, I would think that would encourage the Health Department to design this new facility in a manner which would allow a little parking in that area and where it would not interfere with, you know, serving the public as far as health services goes. Now, understanding that great thing of – I would encourage whoever made the motion and the second after this motion fails, I would encourage a new motion –

Commissioner Farrell said, there's no motion on the table.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah there was. A motion and a second.

Commissioner Farrell said, I didn't --

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Odell made a motion to approve

Commissioner Stone said, he did.

Commissioner Farrell said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so after I call for the question, I would encourage a new motion from the same group that made the motion to do it with the restrictions in place that we've said. And – because we're here for this to go through but we believe that there is a way to do it where it would benefit the Health Department and the rec department.

Commissioner Farrell said, we're not talking about construction fence?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, no and we're not talking about the construction phase. So with that I'll call for the question.

Commissioner Odell said, Dean, put your restrictions on the motion and if it's something that is amenable I'll withdraw my motion and ask the second to withdraw. Put the restrictions on so that those are clear on the record.

Commissioner Farrell said, reserve the rights for parking and access to the other properties owned by the County.

Commissioner Stone said, exactly.

Chairman Liakakis said, Dean, hold off for the question 'cause Nia's been asking – had her hand up for a long time.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well I – I – procedure reasons, I can't allow that to happen right now because we have a four to four tie vote, which makes this go into denial.

Commissioner Farrell said, well we don't know what the vote is going to be.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and if I release this call for the question while I have the table, it could be – the motion could be removed and so – it's procedurally --

Mr. Hart said, if – if – if we call for the question, let 's vote.

Commissioner Stone said, yeah.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I call for the question.

Chairman Liakakis said, I need a second. Oh, you – you – you did that.

Commissioner Shay said, so this is a vote to adopt the lease that's in the book?

Chairman Liakakis said, right.

Commissioner Stone said, correct.

Commissioner Farrell said, option 1.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved for board approve a land lease with the Board of Health for the Health Center on Eisenhower. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Commissioner Kicklighter called for the question. The vote was split with Chairman Liakakis, Commissioners Shay, Odell, and Thomas voting yes and Commissioners Stone, Farrell, Gellatly, and Kicklighter voting no. The motion failed. [NOTE: Commissioner Holmes was not present.]

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Mr. Hart said, the motion fails.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay, now we can – now you will be able to speak and we can make the motion with the restrictions.

Commissioner Farrell said, I'd like to make the motion –

Commissioner Thomas said, can you allow these youth commissioners to speak because there hands have been up for --

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah, that's what I'm going to do Priscilla.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, Nia was the first one and has been doing that for a pretty good – but I was allowing the Commissioners to speak first, protocol. Nia?

Youth Commissioner Nia Dawson said, I meant to ask this earlier, but what are the privileges under a set-aside compared to those of a land lease?

Chairman Liakakis said, Jon, why don't you answer that.

Mr. Hart said, what was the question, I'm sorry.

Chairman Liakakis, Set aside. She wanted to know the legality of set-aside as opposed to a lease.

Mr. Hart said, it's – it's a great question. Set-aside was originally used probably so as not to grant full vested title in the Health Department. And, at that time in Georgia, you could only enter contract for leases one time on – on yearly periods, and there was no provision for Intergovernmental Agreements because the Constitution of '86 hadn't been adopted yet. Under the – the current Constitution, a governmental entity can enter into a – a Intergovernmental Agreement for up to 50 years. So, now that type of language, set-aside, is no longer needed, and most of these things are done by leases and there – there – the reason that leases are used more than anything else is when you say what's the difference between a set-aside, that's something everybody can argue about, what they meant by set-aside. If you do it in a lease, when the lease expires, it's expires. It's done, and whoever owned the property at the beginning of the lease owns it at the end of the lease. So, that's really the reason.

Ms. Dawson said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, go ahead Victoria, and then I'll get you.

Youth Commissioner Victoria Conley said, I know the expansion of the health care center is vital, but are guys saying that it will affect the athletes in the soccer complex or will it affect the parking or?

Chairman Liakakis said, basically –

Commissioner Odell said, currently they can park in the Health Department parking facility.

Youth Commissioner Conley said, well, they're not supposed to, right?

Commissioner Odell said, they're not supposed to, but I admit that I am a soccer grandfather and I often get late, and I park in place where perhaps I shouldn't. A lot of our citizens do that. The Health Department's position is that it creates an unnecessary hazard. It's a risk that we should not have to be exposed to. There's adequate parking. It's not a issue of there is not enough parking. It's just you have to walk to the parking.

Youth Commissioner Conley said, yeah, for like the older and the elderly, like the grandparents and stuff that come to watch the games, though, it is kind of a walk from the actual parking lot the soccer complex.

Commissioner Odell said, well, like David – like David – I'm – I'm – I'm not the elderly but he is clearly. You know, we will never be able nor shall we ever attempt to place the parking with cars passing so near a field because it creates a hazard. You know, in some events, whatever your condition, you're going to have to walk from wherever the parking is designated to wherever the field is because there are other – other hazards and you balance – it has to be a balance in between the safety of the general public and the convenience of a few, and that's what they do.

Youth Commissioner Conley said, so, will the construction affect the athletes who are practicing on the weekdays on the soccer complex?

Chairman Liakakis said, no.

Youth Commissioner Conley said, or will it be out of the way?

Commissioner Odell said, no. The construction will have no impact on that.

Youth Commissioner Conley said, okay. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, Russ?

Mr. Abolt said, yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Ladies and gentlemen, I wanted to – not be defensive, but I do want to explain 'cause there – there were some words used, suspect, sickening, and saddening. I – I don't want anybody to feel suspect about this, Commissioner Farrell. I mean this is very much a business transaction. Had we not brought it to you, it would have happened anyway. We insist on letting you know what's going on out there. So we raised it to a new level, 'cause once construction begins and a fence went up there, then you'd be suspect 'cause somehow you'd thought someone had tried to pull a fast one. There is nothing suspect. It is a business transaction. Departments are working together. There's nothing to concern yourself with about that. The relationship you have between the Health Department and the rest of the departments is excellent. Dr. Skelton is part of my management team. He's fully accountable to his Board of Health, but he's chosen, also, to be accountable to you. And that is – he's to be commended for that. We're trying to do this up front. If Mr. Weathers had come in here a little bit ago and said, ladies and gentlemen, I've got a health provider, a business, that wants to come in and locate and they want to locate at Eisenhower and Sallie Mood, we would do everything possible to accommodate that. Not only did Dr. Skelton do that, but before that the people voted in SPLOST to expand the Health Department. So, I mean, there – there are issues there that – that certainly in my way of looking at it, though I understand initially the concern for suspect, sickening, and saddening, I would submit those modifiers don't apply to this. We are trying to do this terribly open. And – and normally, you know, again construction would have continued and in effect fences would have gone up. I'd also submit to you the incongruity. We just built a beautiful animal control shelter. That animal control shelter is – is – is surrounded by a ten-foot fence. If you look at the south end of the animal control shelter, with that ten-foot fence, it's a short walk to the championship fields. What's the difference? That – that's the incongruity.

Commissioner Farrell said, we're trying to hold animals in – in a pen. That's the big difference. You're talking about people here –

Mr. Abolt said, okay, sir. I – I – I –

Commissioner Farrell said, that's what I see.

Mr. Abolt said, I don't want to argue, but I – I don't want you to misunderstand.

Chairman Liakakis said, Dean?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Russ, the part – and I'm sorry for the words that I chose because they were pretty offensive sounding. But, it's like a bad dream happening over and over. We'll deny it and here it comes again in a different form. Deny it and there it is in some other form. And, I don't think anyone questions at all the need to put temporary fencing up in that area during construction. I mean, you know, that's – that's really, obviously a no-brainer to do that at – at any construction site. The way I believe that this should be worded, and – and you just tell me – and I'll let you make this motion, but I believe that it should be approved with the understanding that any fencing or blockade that in any way shape, or form hinders or restricts access both to and from the soccer complex will only be

permitted during the time period in which the new Health Department is under construction. And, that's the way I think it should be worded as a motion.

Chairman Liakakis said, do we have a second on that?

Commissioner Farrell said, well, let – let –

Commissioner Stone said, well –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'll let him make the motion with that wording and that just –

Commissioner Farrell said, if you will, I'd like to make a motion that we grant a lease similar to the one that's presented today without any of the references to "used only for the purposes of public and community health services"; without the reference to "fencing, whether temporary during construction or permanently affixed to provide security and protection of the property." That we leave those out of the lease, and we just simply have a lease that lets them go about their business and the County Commissioners reserve the rights to the parking and access between that facility and other county facilities. Just leave it – just reserve those rights so that –

Commissioner Stone said, is that your motion?

Commissioner Farrell said, that's my motion.

Commissioner Stone said, all right, I'll second that for discussion.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, now, I'm gonna have a say so. What occurred with this is about a month and a half ago I got a call from one of the people out at the soccer fields that stated cars were being towed. And I said did anybody have a notice on that, and what was told to me, no notice. Then I called Dr. Skelton up on the phone, and I asked him would he hold off on anymore towing till I could get there. And, I went there and actually met with Dr. Skelton. But what occurred out there – there's a yellow line. There's a median out there and cars were parked all over that median. They had gone over the curbing where's the yellow line there, and they went up there and they were destroying that part of the median from all of that and some of the emergency vehicles out there were also blocked by people that were using the soccer. I was able to get the – I talked with Dr. Skelton, we talked to the tow people, and they released the cars and didn't charge them any hundred dollar fee. And then I suggested that about this time element about the usage of that because what was happening during the week when they would have a recreation playing out there, they would come out during open hours of the Health Department that they couldn't have their patients nor their – a number of their employees could use it. So, anyway, it went on from that, and some signs have been put up now asking people – and the yellow lines where the emergency vehicles are and other vital areas. So I just want the public to know just what occurred and – and it's been going on from that particular time about that. And so – I've been out there a number of times and looked at the – where people are parked – that huge parking lot, and I counted the other day 43 empty spaces that were – weren't being utilized at the big parking lot where – that's normally where they park. So, anyway, I just wanted to bring that up. And, Dean and then Harris.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would just like to remind everyone here that this body has already instructed staff at the Health Department to utilize signage that states that there is no parking other than Health Department parking during operating hours of the Health Department. And, I would encourage us to utilize that \$15 million police department we pay for to write tickets if people can't read. So, as far as the safety concern, that's out the window. There is no safety concern if someone puts a sign up that says what we've already instructed and utilized this expensive police department we have to write a ticket for those that don't want to follow the laws. This should be so easy. If it was personal monies and finances, but by God, this is the taxpayers money so let's just piss it away – excuse me – but that's what's going on here. And, I know there's a lot of people at home broke and just wasting more and more and more money is ridiculous. This should be a no-brainer. Put the signs up, call the police if people can't read it, and so be it. We move forward, and, you know, there – I – I – I'll remind the Board, because I wish someone would call for the question if this does the lease – or whatever, the non-lease just stays in place, so I would encourage anyone that opposes what we're trying to get accomplished at this point to tell us what would make you happy or its gonna just stay just like it is which would please the four right now with this motion. So, you know –

Chairman Liakakis said, Harris?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, let's – let this thing pass with the restrictions that will protect the Health Department and protect the parents trying to get over to the fields. Excuse my bad language.

Mr. Hart said, I have no position on this obviously and will draw the lease however this Board desires it to be drawn. I would request consideration of – of not excluding the language "the facility shall be used only for public health and community health services" because we include that language in almost every type of lease we enter into with the organization that when we lease it to them they're going to use it for this use. And we always put that language in there so that the uses do not change on us. And if they do change, we get our property back. And it also acts as an encouragement to whoever you lease to to actually continue to operate the facility because now they have investment in the facility and if they cease to function, we get it back. If – if – if you want to include language on that –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, can I ask a question on that as a realtor? Couldn't that simply stay, just like you said, and put provided the parking is not specified for one within the hours and then you put that in that lease that during business hours – operating hours – and aren't they both protected that way, Jon?

Mr. Hart said, I – I will put whatever y'all want in the lease.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, but, no, I'm asking you a legal question.

Mr. Hart said, yeah, you could – you could draft language that would say the parking shall be used for public health purposes during the regular working hours of the public Health Department but will remain open to the general public at other times.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that would solve the problem.

Commissioner Farrell said, well I just wanted to make sure in this motion that we reserve the rights for parking and access, that we're not trumped another part of this lease that says that says – that negates that – that principle, you know.

Mr. Hart said, I understand where you're coming from I just –

Chairman Liakakis said, Harris?

Commissioner Odell said, at the next Commission meeting we will not have a tie. We'll have a lot of other issues to come up. So we can take this four-four strength, but taking out the language of designating it solely for public health, I would submit that you get into the issue of unintended consequences. An unintended consequence is the SPLOST funding is for a designated purpose. We control the purpose by the language. There are consequences for us being the conduit of this SPLOST money that flows through to the agency. But, it is what it is, and I've had all the time on this that I really want to spend, so.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right, go ahead, Patrick?

Chairman Farrell said, as the stator of the motion if it – if it would be a better lease to leave that part that I mentioned earlier, to take that out, and the second agrees to it, then I'll take that part out, but I certainly want to make sure that the intention is to reserve the rights for parking and access to this Commission as we lease the Health Department the property for their mission that we work in cooperation. We – we – we have a tag department and the Elections Board, and they all share parking lots up the street. We have the Memorial Stadium and we have the athletic, weight-lifting center, they share parking. They don't have fences and lines drawn where certain can park. We kind of, you know, ebb and flow as the needs, and that way we can have one – one set of parking that – that – that helps – that helps everyone, and that's all I'm looking for is to – to – to see that the community gets the most out of their money. That, you know, when there's peak times, you know, at the Health Department they can spill over and park in the soccer complex. There may be some – some epidemics or something they need to clear out the soccer stuff for a higher and better use, and vice versa. When the Health Department's closed, there are tournaments and different things going on, and, you know, I'd like to see that there's – there's not a bulkinization of – of – of public properties, and that's –

Commissioner Stone said, I – I would accept that as that second, and also to agree. As someone who is very familiar with the property, and the Humane Society, I know that when people come to soccer events at the soccer complex, they've often walked over to the Humane Society and things are not barricaded. So I agree that the spirit of cooperation is – is paramount here and that those that do not follow the rules will receive a ticket. Period, the end. But first and foremost the Health Department needs to be able to – to fulfill their mission to the citizens of this community during their business hours and to have adequate parking for their needs. But I – I would second the motion.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. I – I see Dr. Skelton's in the audience, but what I'd like also to do is that if they have any problems up there after this motion is made, if you will bring it back to this Commission or talk to our county manager so that we go from there because we want to work, you know, with the department, with others over there because that's really important, but we'll go from there, doctor. All right, let's go on the board.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, oh, I didn't –

Commissioner Thomas said, what is the final motion?

Commissioner Stone said, motion.

Commissioner Odell said, the motion is eliminate some of the wording as to fencing except during construction so that when the construction project is over other facilities can use the non-critical areas of the parking lot. We don't want them to use critical areas of the parking lot.

Commissioner Farrell said, I just want to reserve the right –

Commissioner Odell said, right.

Commissioner Farrell said, – since we own the property now and we're going to lease it to another entity, I would just like for this Commission, and then if – you know, to reserve the right on behalf of our citizens for parking and access to the other properties that surround that area. That we don't have a situation, you know –

Commissioner Thomas said, okay.

Commissioner Farrell said, – that –

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Patrick Farrell made a motion to approve a land lease with the Board of Health for the Health Center on Eisenhower and the County Commissioners reserve the rights for parking and access between that facility and other county facilities. Commissioner Stone seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Holmes was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-4
AGENDA DATE: November 19, 2010

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Patrick Monahan, Asst. County Manager

ISSUE:
To approve a land lease with the Board of Health for the Health Care Center on Eisenhower Drive.

BACKGROUND:
At the July 15, 1960 meeting, the then-Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution to “set aside” 6.60 acres of property for the Health Center on Eisenhower Drive. This reservation of land became the legal basis for the Health Department to develop and occupy its campus. With the Board of Commissioners’ decision at the August 27, 2010 meeting for the Board of Health to manage its new SPLOST-funded Health Center at this same location, a land lease would protect its property interest at this site.

- FACTS & FINDINGS:**
1. Attached is a copy of the lease with a legal description (with draft plat) which follows the Health Department’s boundaries. The area will provide sufficient space for the new building within this designated parcel.
 2. The lease protects the Board of Health’s property interest in the new Health Center project, which should begin in early 2011. A fence will be erected to provide a secure, safe area during construction.

FUNDING:
Not applicable.

- ALTERNATIVES:**
1. That the Board approve the land lease with the Board of Health.
 2. That the Board opt not to lease the property but maintain the 1960 “set aside.”
 3. That the Board take other action, as it deems appropriate.

POLICY ANALYSIS:
By Georgia law, the Board of Commissioners exercises control of county property, including the option to lease to other government agencies.

RECOMMENDATION:
That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

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5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL FOR ALLOCATION OF INDIGENT HEALTHCARE FUNDING.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Dean Kicklighter made a motion to table item 5, to request board approval for allocation of Indigent Healthcare funding. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Holmes was not present.]

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6. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR TAX REFUND OF PACIFIC HOMES, INC., for tax year 2008 in the amount of \$1,553.98, INCLUDING PENALTIES, INTEREST AND FEES (776.99 EACH FOR PINS 80010F08016 AND 80010F08017). THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN BLOOMINGDALE.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Dean Kicklighter made a motion to table item 6, to request board consideration of a request for tax refund of Pacific Homes, Inc., for tax year 2008 in the amount of \$1,553.98, including penalties, interest and fees (\$776.99 each for PINs 80010F08016 and 80010F08017). The property is located in Bloomingdale. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Holmes was not present.]

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7. VERBAL PRESENTATION FROM EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EMS SUBSIDY. DR. FRANK DAVIS, CHAIRMAN OF THE EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL WILL BE MAKING THE PRESENTATION. (For Information)

Chairman Liakakis said item 7, verbal presentation from EMS Advisory Council on EMS subsidy. Dr. Frank Davis, chairman of the EMS Advisory Council will be making the presentation.

County Manager Russ Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, if I may introduce this subject to you. Initially, you might recall that during your budget discussions last summer, we presented various options relative to balancing of the budget, in this case the M&O Budget, and we have contractually a long-standing agreement that provides incentives for ambulance providers to – to respond and to certain areas of the unincorporated county with the assurance – with the – the entire M&O, excuse me, with the assurances that they would be off-set some of their costs to create that incentive. The question then came up do you want to continue this. The budget is balanced with this in it, but we did afford the opportunity for the ambulance advisory council which is responsible directly to you to evaluate that and come back to you, and that, I believe, is why the presentation by Dr. Davis.

Commissioner Odell said, let me ask a question, Russ, before we start. We have a staff recommendation, do we not? Will there be an action as to this motion? Is this a decision or a presentation?

Mr. Abolt said, the decision will be ultimately the award of the – the contract. I – I – I believe this is – again, I've not talked to this – the doctor himself, but I think they wish as a council – a committee appointed by y'all to talk to you. That's what they want to do.

Commissioner Farrell said, today is just a presentation?

Mr. Abolt said, yes. Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, Dr. Davis, before you start, I'm sure all of us know how important EMS is because years ago I remember a number of things, and I think that also that –

Commissioner Odell said, what's his name.

Chairman Liakakis said, Chief Gellatly here was – knew about the fighting with the private ambulance service and what has been given now between Southside and Memorial; they've given excellent services to our community. We don't have those kind of complaints anymore. And what – fighting, there were two ambulance companies there, private companies, and one of them listened to the scanner, got there before they were even – they weren't even supposed to answer the call, and then what occurred was the one that was given the call got there, but they were putting the patient – getting ready to put him in the ambulance, and then the other company that had the official go-ahead to pick up the patient, they were jerking the patient around with the unit over there. And so, it was horrendous. And I'd like to say that forward. I think many of our Commissioners remember that but that was a couple of private systems were terrible and now we have a system where our citizens' lives are being saved. Go ahead, doctor.

Dr. Frank Davis said, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, thank you. My name, again, is Frank Davis. I'm a trauma critical care surgeon employed at Memorial Hospital – Memorial University Medical Center. My mission today basically is coming to you as Chairman of the EMS Advisory Council. I do have a disclosure though I would – I would like to make though. I think it's important that – I am employed by Memorial Health. I am the medical director for MedStar One, so I just wanted to understand – wanted you all to understand that is my disclosure. But again, my – the hat that I wear today is EMS Advisory Council.

Just to put you – let you walk in my shoes, give you an idea about EMS just for a couple seconds here. We have a reserved parking place for all our special drivers on Friday and Saturday night, and, you know, this is the problem that we see every day in Chatham County, and some are worse than others. Sometimes it involves multiple vehicles, but you just never know when the need is going to arise. And I was there on the night when the Imperial Sugar Company explosion. I had the – the opportunity to actually be on site, as well as involved with the aftermath at Memorial – at Memorial Hospital. And I was there till probably about 4:00 a.m. in the morning, so I got to see it from both aspects. But that's not what we're here to talk about here today. That – with that Imperial Sugar Company, I will tell you the collegial working relationships, the enthusiasm, the synergy was just incredible. To see how well all elements of pre-hospital, hospital care worked together. And it – it made me proud to be part of the health care team in – in – in this community.

What we're here to talk about today are the zones and the subsidy – subsidy for Chatham County. As you all may or may not know, there are four EMS zones, and this has been – has been there for a – a number of – of years; since approximately 1995, if my memory serves me correct. Right now, MedStar is – controls the zone one, which is in the center of the County. It's outlined in the – in the green border. Zones – zone two, which is what we call southside, that's under the control of Southside – Southside EMS. Zones three and four have been also been in control of – of MedStar, and that is identified with the stars as you see right here. And there's – and there's been a county subsidy for this area in the stars because of the very large landmass, as well as the infrequent number of requests for EMS

service, and that's what we're here to talk about. And let me give you an idea of what – what we're talking about. On their average, there are less than ten calls per day in zones three and four. However, in order to meet the EMS response criteria, i.e., being at the patient's side twelve minutes or less, it requires five EMS units to be available 24/7/365.

Another – another critical component in EMS is it – there – you cannot get reimbursed unless you transport a patient. And what's interesting is you can see from – from the slides here, and let me just take zone one, as comparison, this is our center of zone, is that only 64% of the time is actually a patient there for transport; or does a patient eventually become transported. If you look at zones three and four, the statistics are very, very similar. But what we're here to talk about really, if you look at the number of transports per unit in zone one, which is 5.3, as compared to zones three and four, you'll see the number of patients transported are much less. Let's take an example, if you were a taxi cab service, and – and you worked for 24 hours and you only had two fares, you may have a hard time staying in business. It's the same thing for EMS and, thus, the reason for the subsidy. 'Cause there's just not enough transports to justify – to – to be self-sustaining.

And let me bring this back down and give you a couple other statistics that may be helpful. Right now zones three and four account for about 30% of what MedStar One actually is involved in with a daily basis and about 20% of the entire EMS requests for the county. So, it's a fairly small number of requests and certainly a very important area of the community. It does, again, involve a very large land mass. And – and let me drill this down one more time here for you, if you actually look at the number of calls per day, it's – it's – it's 9.6 transports per day. Again we only transport about 65% of the patients, and what this does – the final number that you need to remember is 1.9 transports per unit per day. So, we're paying full time staff to be available 24/7 but they're only making – they're making less than 2 calls per day on the – on the average. If you were a taxi cab, that would be – you would not stay in business.

Now, where are the costs? Again – and – and I apologize in advance, I only have percentages here. I do not have the granular information and – and the dollars which I know y'all probably would like. This is proprietary information. I'm here just to give you percentages. That's what I have. But basically 3/4s of the cost, as you can see in this light green pie, or piece of the pie, is personnel and – and – and — and all the money that it takes – I mean – and – and – and all the health care insurance and what not. So, 3/4s of the cost are kind of fixed. There's not much you can do there. The other 25% of – of the cost, gasoline, communication equipment, stretchers, things that maybe there is a little bit of negotiation on, but 3/4s of the cost are fixed in personnel. If you pay less, you may get less. So 3/4s are kind of – kind of fixed. You know, we're up to slightly less than 75% of the labor. If you want to look at the pyramids, this is it right here. The hospital supplied it to me. If – if – if you look at this, a fairly large percentage is uninsured, and basically at the end of the day you only collect about \$.55 on – on every dollar. So, let me put this in – in – in – in perspective. The collections minus the costs. The costs are about 147% – 147% of the revenue. At the end of the day, you lose a considerable amount of money, and that's the reason why we need to maintain a subsidy for zones three and four. That's the bottom line. It costs considerably more than – than – than – than it does to – to – to actually – what we receive in reimbursement. I don't see that changing.

Another component we would keep in mind, St. Patrick's Day. It costs EMS about \$40,000, okay, to provide the number of units. For the SWAT calls, and these are standby, it's important to think of EMS there on the scene in case issues arise. That's about another \$90,000 of – of costs. And so that's – you're looking at a hundred thirty thousand dollars. So, you can see why it's important to maintain subsidy in these zones, three and four. And the cost of being prepared. Bottom line, 1/3 of the 911 calls, there's no transport. You can't charge. Of those patients that are transported, you only collect \$.55 out of every dollar. If you were a taxicab, you'd have a hard time, again, staying afloat with those – with those kind of numbers there. And remember, not all pre-hospital care providers are alike. You know, this is just kind of one cartoon that kind of gives you an idea if what happens as the funds evaporate. You might have to consider alternative forms of transport.

And, the bottom line is, what if someone offers to cover zones three and four for free. What if somebody steps up to the plate and say, we'll – we'll – we'll do it for free. Remember 3/4s of the cost are labor and benefits. What if somebody – this would be like somebody offering you a brand new Rolex watch for \$5. You know, you got to ask, how can they do it? I don't think there's a business model that – that would support doing this for free, and if they did, it would be like the Rolex watch model. You know, you would be kind of suspicious. You may get what you pay for if you try to do this for free. From a business point of view, and I'm not an accountant, but I just don't see how – how you can do this for free and maintain high quality, pre-hospital care. You know, this is what you could get for free. The mission of Chatham County EMS Authority – Council is basically – is to get the right patient to the right hospital at the right time in the right way. And I think this is critical. And all I ask is that – it's not who gets awarded the contract, because I do think we do have to maintain payment to make sure that whoever does take care of these patients is able to do so with the – with the necessary equipment and personnel to make sure that we get to the patient on time. And, again, not all hospital – pre-hospital care providers are clearly the same. When life hangs in the balance, what happens in the first 60 minutes, what we call the golden hour, makes a tremendous difference. Thank you, sir. I'd be glad to entertain any questions that there are for me.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Thank you, doctor, I appreciate your presentation. Under CNT monthly report –

Mr. Abolt said, Mr. – Commissioner Farrell had a question, sir.

Commissioner Farrell said, I was just curious, the other district, the one that I live in, is there a subsidy for that district?

Dr. Davis said, no.

Chairman Liakakis said, he lives on the Skidaway Island.

Commissioner Farrell said, so, no subsidy?

Dr. Davis said, no, sir.

Commissioner Farrell said, you know in this day of ever tightening budgets and all, is there some sort of a measure between the subsidized ambulance service and the non-subsidized as far as the quality and the response time. Is there some standard measure that addresses that issue?

Chairman Liakakis said, come up to the microphone and identify yourself, please.

Zach Shuman said, I'm Zach Shuman, the EMS contract administrator for Chatham County, and with the police department. The short answer to that is no, sir, there's not a subsidy for – for those two areas that are not covered under the zones that are not starred. Those are zones that are owned by Chatham County, and we did at one time provide ambulance services. Those are zones that allow us to maintain an EMS license and allow us to maintain some degree of control and input into the system. The two zones that – in the downtown and the southside area do not have a subsidy, and they are provided service at the direct request of the service providers. MedStar One ambulance service has to provide that coverage in that area. Southside has to provide coverage of the southside area at no subsidy.

Commissioner Farrell said, I guess my question is – is, you know, as was eluded to in the presentation, if you don't pay for it, it's not good service. So, where I live, there's not a subsidy, and I'd like to know if I'm getting good service or if I'm getting substandard service.

Mr. Shuman said, you're getting the same standards of care that are built into the zoning plan. An ambulance must respond to you in twelve minutes or less in the area outside the incorporated city limits; inside the city limits in nine minutes – or eight minutes or less 90% of the time. And that's across the board for all of the providers.

Commissioner Farrell said, okay, so –

Dr. Davis said, I think the question is, if I could interject just a second is, if there's enough volume in – in that area and the paramedics and such that these ambulance services can come closer to a break even point and that's the difference. The east and west side, there's just not enough calls; 1.9 per day on the average per ambulance you – you – you just can't do it for – without a subsidy. And that's the point I was trying to make.

Commissioner Farrell said, how many calls – you said 1.9 per day per ambulance?

Dr. Davis said, per ambulance, correct.

Commissioner Farrell said, how many calls does the other – the provider that doesn't charge a subsidy do per day?

Dr. Davis said, in – in the downtown zones it's around 6 calls per – per ambulance per day. Although the paramedics is not much better and – and there are financial challenges there too. But you – you come closer because you've got an increased call log.

Commissioner Farrell said, what – what's the ratio on your ambulance?

Tim Janetta (phonetic) said, we run 7 or 8 calls –

Chairman Liakakis said, identify yourself. We have to have it for the record.

Mr. Janetta (phonetic) said, Tim Janetta (phonetic), Southside Fire EMS. We run 7 to 8 calls per ambulance per 24-hour period. We would accept the subsidy for our area. Financially the population density is not sufficient to provide those same level of care standards in zones three and four without a subsidy. It's just – the volume is not there. It's – it's simple mathematics.

Commissioner Farrell said, okay. Thank you.

Mr. Janetta said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Commissioner Thomas said, may I ask a question?

Chairman Liakakis said, yes, Priscilla?

Commissioner Thomas said, about the west side services – ambulance – just where do they have to come from? I mean, I know that there is a – a unit in the old Farmer's Market.

Mr. Cowart, director of MedStar Ambulance Service said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Thomas said, is that considered the – I'm sorry – thank you –

Mr. Shuman said, I will let Mr. Cowart, who is the director of MedStar Ambulance Service to answer that question. It's – it's not a simple yes or no answer.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay. Okay. Is that in the – in the – what you consider the westside unit?

Mr. Cowart said, I did not hear the question, I'm sorry.

Commissioner Thomas said, the ambulances that are at the market, the farmer's market that used to be in the farmer's market right off of –

Mr. Cowart said, Highway 80.

Commissioner Thomas said, yeah, mm-mm. That's in –

Mr. Cowart said, that's in zone 4.

Commissioner Thomas said, zone 4, right. So that's probably the ambulance that came to my house when my husband was in trouble.

Mr. Cowart said, that may very well be depending on where your residence is located.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay. I live on Chester Street in West Savannah.

Mr. Cowart said, more than likely, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay. And so, they serve all in those areas. What you're saying is you don't have large numbers of calls within the number 4 area.

Mr. Cowart said, that's correct.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, if I can to possibly help. Years – some years back, I believe, and please correct me if I'm wrong, I believe the County Commission offered this service to take over for the municipalities to take over like on the west side and possibly Tybee Island in exchange for a larger cut of the lost monies. The split of the tax monies. Is that possibly it?

Mr. Abolt said, I don't think so, sir. I believe the genesis came about when we were providing ambulance services. In fact, Mr. Shuman used to do that through the – the Chatham County Police Department. He supervised that. And then it – it – it – the issue came from the private vendors saying, hey, they could do it cheaper than the County could –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right.

Mr. Abolt said, and so we got to a point of identifying the service areas that the – at that time the – Chatham County Police Department provided ambulance service too, and we said this is more cost efficient to do it this way.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, prior to that, I believe each –

Mr. Abolt said, I don't know.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, – each municipality had their own ambulance service also.

Mr. Abolt said, that's – that's before me. I – I don't know.

Mr. Shuman said, there was a – there was a point in time many, many years where several of the municipality fire departments had their own volunteer ambulance service. That sort of disappeared approximately 20 years ago.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

Mr. Shuman said, then we had three service providers, and then, as Mr. Abolt mentioned, the decision was taken by the Commission that it would be more cost-effective to privatize the ambulance services. That's where we arrive at today with two providers in the County.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, all right. I would just caution this group, and I know you've got make a living, but it was the year you and I first got on here, 2001, I guess, whatever, there was a – in the budge a – a definite attempt to cut all subsidies out as far as the ambulance service. So, please be kind when y'all come in with your bids because I'd hate to see that happen again. So, please keep that in mind. And, we understand that you've got to actually stay out of the red too. So, thank y'all.

Mr. Shuman said, thank you.

Mr. Cowart said, thank you.

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8. CNT MONTHLY REPORT GIVEN VERBALLY BY DIRECTOR HARRIS.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, next item. You want to say something?

County Manager Russ Abolt said, no, sir. I was – I was going to introduce the next item.

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah. Next item, CNT monthly report given by Commander Harris.

Mr. Abolt said, Mr. – Mr. Chairman, I had some disturbing news just before we came into the meeting. I got notification that the drug enforcement administration has subpoenaed Mr. Harris to be in Atlanta in early December. It's apparently for an award, but I doubt that seriously. But, let the record show that he's been subpoenaed by DEA.

Roy Harris, CNT Director said, to make sure I'm there, they're going to drive me up. Good morning everybody, Roy Harris with the Counter Narcotics Team. Good to be with you again this morning. I think you have a copy of the report. Just to give you some highlights in there. If you'll look through it. Another – another good month for fire arms. We ceased 13. We're up to 99 for the year. This is our October report, so it – it appears we're on track to either meet or exceed the 125 weapons seized last year. Again, we only had 2 misdemeanor arrests and three non-drug arrests. The majority of the arrests again were trafficking level arrests on people, which would indicate mid to upper level drug dealers that are being arrested by the teams. Forty-seven for the month, and we're up to 431 for the year. If you look on page 4, you will see the hours expended in each precinct here to date, and also in the municipalities. As we've seen in the – in the past several months southside precinct has basically eclipsed central of – of the amount of drug dealers we're doing. That's not to say that drug sales aren't going on in central, but as we move up the food chain, it seems that our more major suppliers for some reason have started congregating in the southside precinct. So we're spending a lot of effort there. Municipality wise, Garden City, as normally is the number 2 recipient. On page 6, you'll see hours expended year to date and municipalities year to date and that will give you a break down. On significant events, page 7, we will – we'll talk just a little bit about an individual item number 4, some information passed along SCMPD SWAT was used for this because the subject was supposed to have assault weapons in the house, which did prove to be the case. He was selling marijuana. He had about \$18,000 in currency laying around, and had also some assault weapons. He was arrested there. He was convicted felon, so he was charged accordingly and those charges will be referred to ATF for a possible federal prosecution.

Yesterday we received I would call more bad information from National Drug Intelligence Center about a new drug called spacebase. This drug is where you dip a crack rock into methamphetamine liquid oil. And then once its – once it dries and is smoked like a crack rock, then they get the high of both crack cocaine and methamphetamine. I told you many times my concerns were methamphetamine which in this community has not been as bad as it has been in other areas of Georgia. But meth is a very, very addictive drug, and we're not – we are starting to see more meth labs here in Chatham County because of the one-pot method. They're out on – out on one in Garden City as we speak. A team responded out there about 5:00 or 6:00 o'clock this morning after an officer was conducting a search and was overcome by fumes from a one-pot method cook. So, we're starting to see those move into the county, and then when our friends in the – in the drug business come up with a new drug like this, more insidious than the previous ones, and that is a – a bad sign for all of us. Do we have any questions concerning? Yes, sir.

Youth Commissioner Jared Grant said, my name's Jared. What exactly is a CNT verbal report? Monthly report?

Mr. Harris said, I'm sorry, what was that?

Youth Commissioner Grant said, what is the CNT monthly report?

Mr. Harris said, what is it?

Youth Commissioner Grant said, yes.

Mr. Harris said, well each month – CNT is the counter-narcotics team, and each month we compile a report for this Board of Commissioners, for all of the city leaders, and all of the cities in Chatham County that support the counter-narcotics team. It's a drug task force compiled of personnel from each police department in Chatham County, the Sheriff's office in Bryan County and Richmond Hill Police Department. So this gives these folks and also me an idea of where our drug problems are and what type of drug problems we're facing so we can plan for the future. How we deploy our personnel and – and what we're looking at what we're facing as far as the type of drugs and the type of people that we're dealing with.

Mr. Abolt said, it also evidenced the priority that this County Commission places on drug enforcement. Mr. Harris is the only department head that comes forward each month to give this report that provides the significance that this body has said, this Commission to eradicate drugs.

Mr. Harris said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. Thank you Commander Harris. We appreciate you and all of the dedicated members of CNT, 'cause they do a great job and a huge amount of drug arrests have been since it was put in place in 1994 and to especially get out the suppliers, the big drug dealers and all. We appreciate that.

Mr. Abolt said, and we – we do want to congratulate him on his DEA award.

Mr. Harris said, thank you, and I wish all of you a Merry Thanksgiving or Happy Thanksgiving and hope you have time for your families and don't eat too much.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Commissioner Farrell said, Commander, do you have one more of those?

Mr. Harris said, I do.

Chairman Liakakis said, Patrick?

Commissioner Farrell said, Russ?

Mr. Abolt said, yes, sir?

Commissioner Farrell said, how are you doing coming up with your suggestions to keep Roy Harris here in 2011?

Mr. Abolt said, on – on the last meeting – the last meeting in December, this body is going to declare an absolute prohibition of any drug activity in the county and that’ll solve the problem. No seriously on that ‘cause I – I want to make sure you understand the priorities that we placed on it. Not only is Commander Harris, but the entire drug advisory board. We have – we have joined together in soliciting applications. We are – I am looking for, ‘cause as you know I’m the final appointment authority, but only in the – in the relationship with the – with the – with the peers, namely the chiefs of police, including Chief Lovett. I’ve made several contacts with the cooperation, particularly of Roy Harris. We’ve begun to do preliminary talks with individuals, and I’ll use the benefit of the TV now. I am looking for a person in their second career. Remember how Roy Harris got here. Remember how Tom Sprague got here. They had finished a very successful profession, 30 plus years. They – they’re still vital, and they want to do things, and I’m asking them to consider applying – in the – in the field of drug enforcement, to come and work for Chatham County. I feel it’s a very successful choice people can make because of Roy Harris. And because of Roy Harris, I’m confident we’ll get some super candidates.

Chairman Liakakis said, Patrick Farrell? Patrick Shay, did you have anything?

Commissioner Shay said, no, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. Let’s go on to the next item.

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

October, 2010

NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS*	
Investigations:	Number
Investigations Initiated During the month	77
Active <u>Joint</u> Investigations with other agencies (DEA, ATF, IRS, etc.)	7
Total Number of Investigations Cleared (Arrest, E.C., Unfounded)	37

DRUGS SEIZED			
Drug Type	Value	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	88.60 Grams	\$8,860.00
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	.30 Grams	\$30.00
Methamphetamine	\$100 per gram**	40.5 Grams	\$4,050.00
Marijuana	\$140 per ounce*	202.5 Ounces	\$28,770.00
Heroin	\$250 per gram*	0 Grams	\$0.00
Ecstasy	\$25 Dosage Unit	354 D/U	\$8,850.00
Misc. Pills	\$5 per D/U	2155 D/U	\$10,775.00
Hallucinogens	\$10.00 per gram*	350 Grams	\$3,500.00
Synthetic (DMT)	\$40.00 per gram*	90.5 Grams	\$3,620.00

*Source: Office National Drug Control Policy

** Source: Established regional average price

***Source: IAW National Drug Standards – One marijuana plant equals 2 pounds of processed marijuana.

DRUGS SEIZED—YEAR TO DATE		
Drug Type	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	2,096 Grams	\$209,600.00
Crack Cocaine	275 Grams	\$27,500.00
Methamphetamine	395 Grams	39,500.00
Marijuana	37,591 Ounces	\$5,262,740.00
Heroin	8 Grams	\$2,000.00
Ecstasy	554 D/U	\$13,850.00
Misc. Pills	5,598 D/U	\$27,990.00
Hallucinogens	504 Grams	\$5,040.00
Synthetic (DMT)	90.5 Grams	\$3,620.00

DRUGS PURCHASED			
Drug Type	Value	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	23.00 Grams	\$2,300.00
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	13.40 Grams	\$1,340.00
Methamphetamine	\$100 per gram**	1.00 Grams	\$100.00
Marijuana	\$140 per ounce*	16.10 Ounces	\$2,254.00
Heroin	\$250 per gram*	0 Grams	\$00
Ecstasy	\$25 Dosage Unit	0 D/U	\$00
Misc. Pills	\$5 per D/U	85 D/U	\$425.00

Source: Office National Drug Control Policy

** Source: Established regional average price

WEAPONS SEIZED	
Firearms (including hand guns and long guns)	13
Year To Date Totals	99

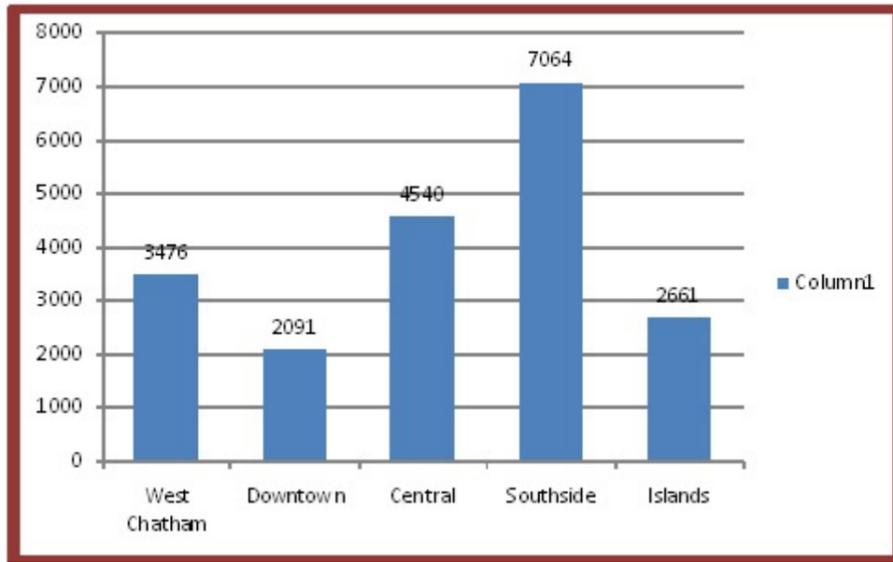
PERSONS ARRESTED*	
Felony*	13
Felony Sales/Trafficking	29
Misdemeanor	2
Felony Non-Drug**	3
Total Arrests	47
Year To Date Totals	431

*Felony includes Manufacturing Methamphetamine or Marijuana

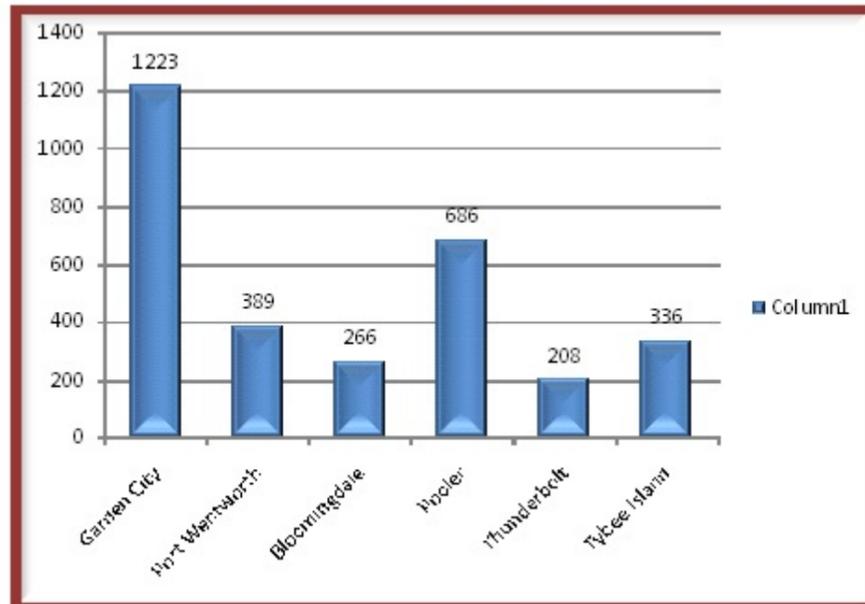
**Non-drug related offenses include firearms violations, Obstruction, Simple Battery, etc.

ADOPTION CASES FROM OTHER AGENCIES		
DATE	AGENCY	OFFENSE
10/12/10	SCMPD	POSSESSION MARIJUANA
10/16/10	RHPD	POSS C/S WITH INTENT/ROXICODONE
10/16/10	RHPD	POSS C/S WITH INTENT/ROXICODONE
10/29/10	SCMPD	POSSESSION C/S , OXYCONTIN
10/31/10	RHPD	POSS MARIJUANA WITH INTENT TO DIST
10/31/10	RHPD	POSSESSION MARIJUANA

DRUG COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED		
Drug Complaints	Received	Assigned
Project Log/Official Complaints	2	2
Hot Line / Call-In Complaints	23	23
Green Sheets/ Outside Agencies	3	3
Crime Stopper Complaints	17	17
DRUG COMPLAINTS—YEAR TO DATE	167	163



HOURS EXPENDED IN EACH PRECINCT—YEAR TO DATE



HOURS EXPENDED IN MUNICIPALITIES—YEAR TO DATE

DRUG INVESTIGATIONS
HOURS WORKED BY ZONE

SCMPD – All Precincts	<u>TOTAL 1,945</u>	
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Municipalities	<u>TOTAL 673</u>	
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Administrative Hours	1,280	
Case Administration	683	
Pharmaceutical Divisions	480	
Central Intelligence	480	
Out of County (Task Force Operations, etc.)	61	
		87
Assistance Rendered to Outside Agencies	20	
Training	290	
<u>Court Hours</u>	<u>89</u>	
	<u>TOTAL 3,383</u>	
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Total Hours Worked	<u>6,001</u>	

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. On 10-06-2010, CNT agents concluded an investigation by executing a search warrant at Skidaway Mobile Estates. The target of the investigation was on probation and was on 4th amendment waiver. Agents made several controlled buys from the residence and had taken out felony sales warrants. A search of the residence revealed cocaine, ecstasy, marijuana, two firearm, and approximately \$1,434.00 in currency. Two subjects were arrested and charged accordingly.
2. On 10-08-2010, CNT agents concluded an investigation by executing a search warrant on East 65th Street. Agents conducted a series of undercover purchases from the residence and obtained sale of controlled substance (cocaine) warrants on two suspects living at the residence. A search of the residence produced over 70 bags of powder cocaine that was packaged for distribution, scales, and approximately \$900.00 in currency. A secondary search warrant was later executed on another address that one of the subjects utilized. A search of this residence (West Bay Lane) produced a .44 magnum with a six inch barrel concealed in the attic. Additional packaging materials and scales were also seized. Both subjects were arrested and charged with sale of cocaine and other felonies in include firearm charges.
3. On 10-14-2010, CNT agents conducted a buy bust operation at the Guest House hotel on Ogeechee Road. Undercover agents were purchasing Xanax and other prescription pills from two subjects residing in a room for an extended period of time. After an arranged purchase of 75 Xanax pills, agents arrested the two subjects involved. A search of their hotel room revealed two small children and an elderly man all residing in the same room. The room was small and had extremely filthy living conditions. Due to the condition of the room and charges, DFACS was contacted who came to the scene and began their own investigation. Both subjects were found to be stealing the elderly gentleman's (who was the father of one of the suspects) legal prescription medication and then selling it.
4. On 10-27-2010, CNT agents acted on information provided by the FBI in reference to a residence that was selling marijuana and were in possession of assault weapons. Agents obtained a search warrant and requested the assistance of SCMPD SWAT due to the weapons information. A search of the residence in the 1700 block of Reynolds Street produced over 6 ounces of marijuana, distribution items, and approximately \$18,455.00 in currency that was already broken down into thousand dollar bundles. Two subjects were arrested and two more subjects are expected to turn themselves in at CNT.

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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, action calendar, we have action items 1 through 6 and under 6 we have items A through K. And, we want to pull under item 6-H for Priscilla.

Commissioner Shay said, Commissioner Odell.

Chairman Liakakis said, I mean, excuse me, for Harris Odell. That's the construction contract for the Tatemville Community Center Expansion.

We need a motion on the floor.

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that we adopt the action calendar –

Commissioner Stone said, wait a minute.

Commissioner Shay said, except for item number 3 and item number 6-H.

Commissioner Stone said, I – I just want mine to be continued until I can get some –

Commissioner Shay said, I'll make that motion in a minute.

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. We have a motion on the floor and a second. Let's go on the Board.

Commissioner Stone said, you said it was 6, it's item number 3.

Commissioner Shay said, item number 3 and item number 6-H.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. All right. Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to approve Items 1 through 6-K except for Item 3 and Item 6-H. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Holmes and Farrell were not present.]

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

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1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 5, 2010, AS MAILED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 5, 2010, as mailed. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Farrell and Holmes were not present.]

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 28, 2010 THROUGH NOVEMBER 9, 2010.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period October 28, 2010, through November 9, 2010, in the amount of \$4,318,696. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Holmes and Farrell were not present.]

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3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE ADDITIONAL VARIANCE TO THE COUNTY NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CURRENT PHASE OF THE TRUMAN PARKWAY PROJECT.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, under item 3, you want to make that motion to table?

Commissioner Stone said, I want to make the Motion to table item number 3, please until I can get some more information --

Commissioner Shay said, second.

Commissioner Stone said, – about the decibal level that we’re granting a variance for for the Truman Five.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Let’s go on the board.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to table item 3, approve additional variance to the County Noise Control Ordinance for the construction of the current phase of the Truman Parkway Project. Commissioner Shay seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Holmes and Farrell were not present.]

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4. REQUEST FOR A NEW WINE RETAIL LICENSE FOR 2010. PETITIONER: WENDY ARMSTRONG, d/b/a THRIVE, A CARRY OUT CAFÉ, LOCATED AT 4700 US HIGHWAY 80 EAST. [DISTRICT 1].

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to approve the request for a new wine retail license for 2010 for Petitioner Wendy Armstrong, d/b/a Thrive, A Carry Out Café, located at 4700 US Highway 80 East. Commissioner

Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Holmes and Farrell were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4
AGENDA DATE: November 19, 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 for a new wine retail license for 2010, Wendy Armstrong d/b/a Thrive, A Carry Out Café, located at 4700 US Highway 80 East, Savannah, Georgia 31410.

BACKGROUND

Ms. Armstrong requests approval for a new wine retail license in connection with an existing restaurant.

FACTS AND FINDINGS

1. The application was reviewed by the Police Department for compliance of the applicant and site distance requirements and approved.
2. The returned application was reviewed by Building Safety. The County Fire Marshall inspected the site for compliance and approved the facility.
3. The applicant and business meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage and Sunday sales Ordinance.
4. The applicant has been notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing.
5. In July 2007, the applicant was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

RECOMMENDATION

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

District 4.

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

Gregory S. Anderson, CBO

Chief Willie Lovett

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5. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF BEER AND WINE RETAIL LICENSE FOR 2010. PETITIONER: ~~BHARTIBEN BHARTI~~ PATEL, D/B/A ISLAND FOOD MART KISHAN VB, INC., LOCATED AT 200 JOHNNY MERCER BOULEVARD. [DISTRICT 4.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to approve the request for a new wine retail license for 2010 for Petitioner ~~Bhartiben~~ **Bharti** Patel, d/b/a ~~Island Food Mart~~ Kishan VB, Inc., located at 200 Johnny Mercer Boulevard. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Holmes and Farrell were not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-5 (corrected)
AGENDA DATE: November 19, 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 retail license for 2010, Bharti Patel d/b/a Kishan VB, Inc., located at 200 Johnny Mercer Blvd.

BACKGROUND

Mr. Patel, a new applicant, requests approval for transfer of beer retail license in connection with an existing convenience store. Previous owner, Rameschcha R. Patel, has completed the addendum to transfer alcohol license and surrendered his license.

FACTS AND FINDINGS

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

District 4.

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

Gregory S. Anderson, CBO

Chief Willie Lovett

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

As to items 6-A through 6-K except Item 6-H:

Commissioner Shay moved to approve Items 6-A through 6-K, with the exception of 6-H. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Holmes and Farrell were not present.]

As to Item 6-H:

Chairman Liakakis said, item H request for transfer of beer – excuse me, H is construction contract for the Tatemville Community Center. Commissioner Harris.

Commissioner Odell said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I – I asked that this be pulled so that we could have a brief overview. This is a project that we’ve been working on for an extensive period of time, and we’ve finally gotten to a point, and I’d ask –

Mr. Abolt said, if I – really, yes, I feel like a far second to Commissioner Odell, and I want to introduce the – the subject because of the leadership because of the leadership of Commissioner Odell. He’s working with Ms. Jeanette Scott and also the City of Savannah representatives but the partnership between the City and the County and particularly now the SPLOST funding, we are in the position to award a contract to construct the Tatemville Community Center. Something that the – the – looking at the addition to and it’s something that Commissioner Odell has advocated for some time, and we’re now in a position of awarding the contract with your approval for just under 475 – \$474,000 to a local – to a local contractor to do this work, and it’s long awaited and I think Commissioner Odell for what he’s done.

Chairman Liakakis said, great.

Commissioner Odell said, and I – I thank you, Russ, and the staff and Greg Anderson and especially Jeanette Scott and the Tatem – Tatemville Neighborhood Association. They didn’t give up, and although we had a lot of adversities, this addition is – will be used and is needed in the Community. I’ll make a motion to approve.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Shay moved to approve Items 6-A through 6-K, with the exception of 6-H. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Holmes and Farrell were not present.]
- b. Commissioner Odell moved to approve the construct contract for the Tatemville Community Center Expansion. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Holmes and Gellatly were not present.]

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>DEPT.</i>	<i>SOURCE</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>	<i>FUNDING</i>
<i>A. Ten (10) automated external defibrillators</i>	<i>Facilities Maintenance and Operations</i>	<i>Cardiac Science Corporation</i>	<i>\$13,615</i>	<i>CIP - ADA Compliance</i>
<i>B. Purchase and installation of a replacement water storage tank at Hunter's Ridge Subdivision</i>	<i>Public Works and Park Services</i>	<i>Water/Wastewater Contractors</i>	<i>\$49,050</i>	<i>Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund</i>
<i>C. Change Order No. 1 to the contract to perform maintenance on various bridge deck joints for additional bridge deck joint repairs</i>	<i>Public Works and Park Services</i>	<i>Engineered Restorations, Inc.</i>	<i>\$17,660</i>	<i>CIP - Public Works/Bridges</i>
<i>D. Upgrades to the Computer Aided Dispatch system</i>	<i>Sheriff</i>	<i>Savannah Communications</i>	<i>\$48,210</i>	<i>General Fund/M & O - Sheriff</i>
<i>E. Declare as surplus property and authorize the sale of the County's Piper Navajo Chieftain airplane</i>	<i>Mosquito Control</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Revenue Producing</i>
<i>F. Repairs to an excavator</i>	<i>Public Works and Park Services</i>	<i>Port City Industrial Repair</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>	<i>General Fund/M & O - Fleet Operations</i>
<i>G. Renew insurance coverage on buildings, contents, computers and related property and an optional debris removal endorsement</i>	<i>Finance</i>	<i>Cincinnati Insurance Company</i>	<i>\$647,826</i>	<i>Risk Management Fund</i>
<i>H. Construction contract for the Tatemville Community Center Expansion</i>	<i>Building Safety and Regulatory Services</i>	<i>D.L. Moore - Pinnacle, LLC</i>	<i>\$474,000</i>	<i>SPLOST (2003-2008) - Tatemville Community Center</i>
<i>I. Annual contract with automatic renewal options for two (2) additional one year terms to provide Bonding Alternative and Subcontractor capacity building services</i>	<i>Special Projects</i>	<i>Broadlands Financial Group, LLC</i>	<i>\$109,700</i>	<i>SPLOST (2008-2014) - Various</i>

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
<i>J. Relocating EMS antenna from the Public Works facility to the communications tower</i>	<i>Special Projects</i>	<i>Savannah Communications</i>	<i>\$11,374</i>	<i>CIP - Communications Tower</i>
<i>K. Civil engineering services for the communications tower site</i>	<i>Special Projects</i>	<i>Thomas & Hutton</i>	<i>\$11,998</i>	<i>CIP - Communications Tower</i>

AGENDA ITEM: X-6 A THRU K
AGENDA DATE: November 19, 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 of a \$13,615 purchase of ten (10) automated external defibrillators (AED's) from Cardiac Science Corporation for various County facilities.

BACKGROUND: When sudden cardiac arrest strikes, use of an AED maximizes the emergency responder's effort to save a life. The AED's will be placed in the following locations: Tag Office-Eisenhower Drive, Tag Administrative Annex Center, Public Works, Fleet Operations, Administrative Legislative Center two (2) each, Citizens Service Center two (2) each, one (1) will be placed in Building Safety and one (1) in Voters Registration.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. AED's are utilized in most public and government facilities. It is documented that the use of AED's improves the chance of survival by 50% from cardiac arrest.
2. Staff obtained pricing from three (3) vendors and responses are as follows:

Cardiac Science Corporation Bothell, WA	\$13,615
Allied 100 LLC. Woodruff, WI	\$13,800
Dixie Medical, Inc. Franklin, TN	\$15,500
3. Staff believes the pricing provided by Cardiac Science Corporation to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - ADA Compliance
(3501556 - 52.11001 - 35030852)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$13,615 purchase of ten (10) automated external defibrillators (AED's) from Cardiac Science Corporation for various County facilities.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide equipment that may save a life.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$49,050 purchase and installation of a replacement water storage tank at the West Chatham (Hunter’s Ridge Subdivision) water system from Water/Wastewater Contractors, for Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: Hunter’s Ridge Subdivision water system has a holding tank that is in excess of 20 years old. The condition of the tank has deteriorated to the point that there are many existing holes in the tank that cannot be repaired. It is necessary to replace the tank in order to provide water o the customers of Hunter’s Ridge and Cross Creek Subdivisions.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The existing water tank that provides water for Hunter’s Ridge and Cross Creek Subdivisions is in such a state of deterioration that it cannot be repaired and is unserviceable in its current state.
2. The tank must be replaced in order to provide water to the customers serviced by this water system.
3. A Request for Quotation was sent to six (6) prospective firms and quotes were received on 4 November 2010. Responses are as follows:

Water/Wastewater Contractors Pooler, GA	\$49,050
PINCO Savannah, GA	\$53,000
Bulloch Well Drilling Statesboro, GA	\$56,200
* Alloy Industrial Contractors, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$57,500
BRW Construction Group, LLC Savannah, GA	\$60,762
* First City Utilities, LLC. Savannah, GA	\$99,865

*WBE firm

4. Staff reviewed the quotes and references and believes the quote provided by Water/Wastewater Contractors to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund
(5054400 - 52.35001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$49,050 purchase and installation of a replacement water storage tank at the West Chatham (Hunter’s Ridge Subdivision) water system from Water/Wastewater Contractors, for Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide all necessary repairs in order to maintain a functioning water system for the residents who are customers of that water system.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$17,660, to Engineered Restorations, Inc., to clean/reseal bridge deck joints for Chatham County Public Works and Parks Department.

BACKGROUND: On 9 July 2010, the Board approved a maintenance contract with Engineered Restorations, Inc., of Lawrenceville, GA., in the amount of \$194,665 for repairs and maintenance on 10,978 liner feet of deck joints on 26 bridges in the unincorporated area of Chatham County.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. During the repair process the contractor identified additional bridge deck joint that needed to be cleaned and resealed. Staff reviewed with the contractor and realized that in fact the investigative process for solicitation preparation did not reveal all bridge deck joints that were in need of repair. It must be pointed out that the Department does not have a trained bridge inspector.
2. Initially, the Department's investigative process, bridges were not closed to vehicular traffic which contributed to estimates on high volume and high speed routes. In some cases it was not clear that a seam on a bridge was in fact a deck joint that required cleaning and resealing. During the repair process the contractor blocked entire lanes and thus it was easy to identify all joints on the bridge.
3. The Department believed it was prudent to have the contractor remain and complete the project rather than contracting the firm at a later date for the additional bridge deck joint repairs. Such action would have resulted in another mobilization that included movement of equipment from Lawrenceville, GA., administrative costs, labor costs and meal and lodging costs.
4. Contract history is as follows:

Original Contract (07/09/10)	\$ 194,665
Change Order No. 1	<u>17,660</u>
Revised contract amount	\$ 212,325

5. Staff believes the change order from Engineered Restorations, Inc., to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - Public Works/Bridges
(3504230 - 54.14002 - 35030540)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$17,660, to Engineered Restorations, Inc., to clean/reseal bridge deck joints for Chatham County Public Works and Parks Department.
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 D

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$ 48,209 sole source purchase of a Motorola Server/Workstation upgrades for the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System from Savannah Communications for the Sheriff's Department Dispatch Division.

BACKGROUND: The Chatham County Sheriff Department continues its migration toward total compatibility to digital technology. The upgraded CAD system software necessitates upgrades to the software and hardware of our Dispatch Workstations and Server.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The software and equipment are being provided through Motorola and Savannah Communications and is in direct correlation with county-wide radio system.
2. Staff believes the total cost of \$48,209 to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$ 48,209 sole source purchase of a Motorola Server/Workstation upgrades for the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System from Savannah Communications for the Sheriff's Department Dispatch Division.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consist with Board policy to approve expenditures necessary for communications and officer safety.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board to declare as surplus property, and approve the sale of Chatham County's Piper Navajo Chieftain airplane used by Mosquito Control for adult mosquito control operations.

BACKGROUND: On 17 September 2010, the Board approved the purchase of a 1992 McDonnell-Douglas 500N helicopter to replace the county's Piper Navajo Chieftain airplane. The 2010 mosquito season is nearly over and it is time to retire the Piper Navajo Chieftain so that full attention can be focused on readying the McDonnell-Douglas 500N helicopter for county use in 2011.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Mosquito Control staff previously presented a long range plan to purchase a MD 500 helicopter and sell the Piper Navajo Chieftain airplane.
2. This plan justified the action because of the superior versatility of helicopters which can be used for mosquito surveillance inspection flights, both immature and adult mosquito control missions, police operations, fire fighting, and several emergency support functions. The plan also emphasized the operational advantages of having two pilots capable of operating our helicopters.
3. On 17 September 2010, the Board approved the purchase of a 1992 McDonnell-Douglas 500N helicopter. This aircraft has already been acquired.
4. The mosquito season is sufficiently ended, allowing staff to remove the Piper Navajo Chieftain airplane from our inventory.
5. The Piper Navajo Chieftain airplane has good market value because our particular model is currently used in commercial aviation.

FUNDING: Revenue Producing

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board to declare as surplus property, and approve the sale of Chatham County's Piper Navajo Chieftain airplane used by Mosquito Control for adult mosquito control operations.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to support safe and efficient county operations.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$15,000 repair to the Excavator (Unit #83) from Port City Industrial Repair of Bloomingdale, GA.

BACKGROUND: This piece of equipment is used in Public Works and Park Services and is essential to the department's daily operation.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The reason for the repair is due to the wear and tear of the tilt bucket and coupler hitch. The swivel assembly is severely damaged and may break.
2. Due to the parts, speciality tools and manual labor necessary to repair the equipment in a timely manner, it is outsourced.
3. As with all large equipment repairs, the ultimate cost depends entirely on what is found when the equipment is disassembled.
4. Staff obtained quotes from the following three (3) vendors:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>COST OF REPAIR</u>
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Port City Industrial Repair Bloomingdale, GA	\$15,000
Great Southern Construction Jacksonville, FL	\$18,897
Yancey Brothers - CAT Savannah, GA	\$22,235

5. Staff believes the cost for repairs in the amount of \$15,000 to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of the \$15,000 repair to the Excavator (Unit #83) from Port City Industrial Repair of Bloomingdale, GA.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy repair equipment that is essential to the daily operation of the department.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval to renew building, contents, computer, and related property insurance coverage in the amount of \$640,846 from Cincinnati and Hartford based on quotations provided by the County's broker of record, Wells Fargo. Also seek authorization of an optional debris removal endorsement for an annual premium of \$6,980. Total annual premium for all required and recommended coverage is \$647,826.

BACKGROUND: The County currently insures \$270 million of building, contents and computer equipment through Travelers, Cincinnati and Hartford Insurance Companies.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Underwriting restrictions with regard to coastal and governmental property significantly limit the number of insurers interested in providing coverage. The three existing carriers' quotations were the most comprehensive and cost beneficial. A summary of all carriers contacted and their responses is attached.
2. The annual premium rates remained the same, however, the overall annual base premium decreased from \$650,418 to \$ 640,846 as a result of the annual insurance appraisal. A Premium Overview/Comparison is attached (see pages 14-16)
3. The Tybee Pavilion, Library and various communications equipment are covered under a separate property policy with a renewal date of 3May 2011. The Tybee Pier is not insurable.
4. Cincinnati Insurance Company is offering an increase in Debris Removal coverage that would be the equivalent of coverage already available under Travelers. This coverage would provide funding for removal of property debris arising from a major storm or other catastrophic event. The additional annual premium for this coverage is \$6,980.
5. Terrorism coverage is included in all quotations.

FUNDING: Risk Management Fund - Insurance and Surety Bond Premium
(6259922 - 52.31021)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To seek authorization from the Board of Commissioners to renew building, contents, computer, and related property insurance coverage in the amount of \$640,846 from Cincinnati and Hartford based on quotations provided by the County's broker of record, Wells Fargo. Also seek authorization of an optional debris removal endorsement for an annual premium of \$6,980. Total annual premium for all required and recommended coverage is \$647,826.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: Insurance carriers continue to place underwriting restrictions on coastal and governmental property. Coverage enhancements can be achieved with less total premium than the previous year.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approve of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$474,000 construction contract to D.L. Moore Pinnacle, LLC, for the Tatemville Community Center Expansion.

BACKGROUND: The existing Tatemville Community Center was built in 2000. The Center is 4,700 sf and provides space for several activities. It is one of the most used community centers and the goal of the expansion to provide space to conduct community based activities on a larger scale than the existing Center can accommodate.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This work includes a new building addition to include a multi-purpose room and support spaces. The addition will be connected to the existing building. It is to be a metal pre-engineered steel building with a shingle roof, vinyl composition tile flooring and ceramic tile floor.
2. This project was properly advertised and 11 bids were received with one (1) bid being non-responsive. The bids were opened on 3 November 2010. The bids responses are as follows:

	DL Moore Pinnacle, LLC Savannah, GA	\$474,000
	Dabbs-Williams General Contractors, LLC Statesboro, GA	\$474,900
*	RL Construction, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$486,616
	Erickson Associates, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$487,900
*	WBM Construction, Inc. Metter, GA	\$510,200
*	Collins Construction Services, Inc. Thunderbolt, GA	\$513,200
	Keith Ray Construction, Inc. Thunderbolt, GA	\$541,479
	Foskey & Sons Construction, Inc. Dublin, GA	\$559,000
**	Sierra Design Build Const. Mgt. Group, LLC Savannah, GA	\$579,000
	Kerby Enterprises, Inc. Bloomingdale, GA	\$664,748

* WBE firm
** MBE firm

3. Staff believes the bid from D.L.Moore Pinnacle,LLC to be fair and reasonable and well within the construction estimate.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003 - 2008) - Tatemville Community Center
(3234980 - 54.13011 - 32370263)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a contract in the amount of \$474,000 to D.L. Moore Pinnacle, LLC, for the Tatemville Community Center Expansion.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM I

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$109,667 annual contract with automatic renewal options for two (2) additional one year terms with Broadlands Financial Group, LLC of Villanova, PA, to provide Bonding Alternative Risk Management & Local MWBE/SBE Support Services for Chatham County.

BACKGROUND: Since 2006, the Board has consistently emphasized its desire for a maximum amount of local small, minority and women-owned business participation in all County construction projects. Staff has implement a number of measures to enhance local MWBE and SBE participation and seeks outside professional services to lower some significant barriers to local participation on County construction projects.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. In 2006, The Board adopted a new Chatham County M/WBE Ordinance to provide a framework of a race and gender-neutral program to encourage maximum participation of local M/WBE firms in County contracts. In December 2006, the Board adopted a resolution in conjunction with the ordinance. The resolution firmly committed the County to the principal of equal opportunity, fairness and inclusion of disadvantaged businesses in all expenditures of the 2008-2014 SPLOST funded projects.
2. It is now critical that the County Commission focus on details regarding how it will enforce the local economic impact commitments and increase capacity for local MWBEs and SBEs to effectively. The key to this process will be removing barriers to local MWBE and SBE participation on County construction projects.
3. The lack of ability to procure traditional surety bonding has been widely recognized as a barrier to otherwise qualified MWBE and SBE firms participating in large scale projects. Another barrier is the lack of small contractor administrative and technical capacity to perform on more sophisticated projects. At the time the Board approved the best value pre-qualification scorecard, the Board made clear to staff that it desires to limit or remove surety bonding as a barrier to local MWBE and SBE participation. In connection with the Board's directions, staff pursued alternatives to traditional surety bonding that can minimize or eliminate this barrier to our local MWBE and SBE firms.
4. Staff has solicited proposals from professional service firms to provide subcontractor bonding alternative services and related local MWBE/SBE support services. The proposals were publically advertised. A pre-proposal conference was conducted. Two (2) firms submitted proposals: Broadlands Financial Group, LLC, of Villanova, PA and Small Contractor Development Program (SCDP), of Atlanta, GA (See scoring matrix page 17).
5. The leading proposal was received from Broadlands Financial Group, LLC. Fortunately, the Broadlands program not only provides a proven, innovative strategy to provide alternatives to traditional bonding, but also a number of related support services that have a track record of resulting in local MWBE/SBE firms having a greater technical capacity to compete for and perform on public sector projects.

FUNDING: General Fund/M & O - Community Outreach - Jail
(1007661 - 57.30001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$109,667 annual contract with automatic renewal options for two (2) additional one year terms with Broadlands Financial Group, LLC of Villanova, PA, to provide Bonding Alternative Risk Management & Local MWBE/SBE Support Services for Chatham County.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award contracts to the overall highest ranked firm.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
TOM DRANE

ITEM J

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$11,374 contract for the relocation of the EMS antenna from the Sallie Mood area to the new communications tower with Savannah Communications.

BACKGROUND: The new communications tower at the Carl Griffin Drive complex can accept and additional antenna. The antenna at Public Works and Parks Services at 7235 Sallie Mood Drive should be relocated as part of the FEMA flood mitigation grant. The antenna, which serves EMS communications, can be accommodated at the new tower.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1 Plans under the FEMA mitigation grant call for the removal of all structures at the complex at 7235 Sallie Mood Drive, including buildings occupied by Public Works & Parks Services and Fleet Maintenance. In addition, at the site an antenna serves EMS communications.
2. By relocating the antenna from Sallie Mood Drive to the new communications tower near Carl Griffin Drive, the old tower can be demolished as part of the FEMA mitigation project.
3. Savannah Communication, the area's authorized Motorola representative, has provided a quote of \$11,374 to relocate the EMS antenna to the new communications tower. Savannah Communications knows the project since the local firm has installed the communications building and relocated other county antenna to the new tower. Staff reviewed the quote and believes the cost to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - Communications Tower - FY 2009
(3503326 - 54.13010 - 35030513)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$11,374 contract for the relocation of the EMS antenna from the Sallie Mood area to the new communications tower with Savannah Communications.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: Georgia law and *The Chatham County Purchasing Ordinance and Procedures Manual* provide authority for the Board to award contracts for good and services.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM K

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$11,998 professional services contract for civil work for the Communications Tower project with Thomas & Hutton Engineering.

BACKGROUND: The Communications Tower at the Sheriff's Complex will be replaced to increase buildable area for the Detention Center expansion as well as to provide a replacement for higher wind resistance and structural integrity. As of this date, the project remains 95% complete.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1 At the 25 September 2009 meeting, the Board awarded a contract to Thomas & Hutton to prepare site and engineering plans for the Communications Tower. Thomas & Hutton has completed this contract; however, additional civil work will be needed for the access road, which becomes a bit more complex since parts of it may traverse through a closed-out landfill.
2. Besides the civil engineering work, the contract would also include construction administration for the road access.
3. Based on the scope of work, Thomas & Hutton proposed a fee of \$11,988. Based on time, staff reviewed the proposal and fee and believes the quote accurately reflects the scope of the work.

FUNDING: CIP - Communications Tower - FY 2009
(3503326 - 54.13010 - 35030513)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$11,998 professional services contract for civil work for the Communications Tower project with Thomas & Hutton Engineering.
2. Board direct staff to advertise and accept proposals for this work.

3. Board not award a contract for this work.

POLICY ANALYSIS: Georgia law and *The Chatham County Purchasing Ordinance and Procedures Manual* provide authority for the Board to award contracts for professional services.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

PREPARED BY _____
PURCHASING AGENT

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YOUTH COMMISSION

Chairman Liakakis said, what I'd like to do right now is, I'd like to thank all of the Chatham County Youth Commissioners for being here today. Nia Dawson, who is representing Savannah Arts; Victoria Conley, who is representing Bible Baptist; and Jared Grant, who is also representing Savannah Arts. Thank you the three of you for coming today and especially being active and asking some questions.

Youth Commissioner Dawson said, thank you.

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XI. FIRST READINGS

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

1. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE AMENDMENT TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY WATER SYSTEMS ORDINANCE TO ALLOW OUTDOOR LANDSCAPE WATERING LIMITATIONS.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, let's go on – there's a first reading. One, request board approve amendment to the Chatham County water systems ordinance to allow outdoor landscape watering limitations. And there's no action since it's the first reading.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

None.

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached as information.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached as information.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-2
AGENDA DATE: November 19, 2010

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

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
One (1) mobile control station	I.C.S.	Motorola	\$3,711	General Fund/M & O - Detention Center
Install two (2) storefront doors in place of revolving doors	Aquatic Center	J & L Glass	\$4,137	General Fund/M & O - Aquatic Center
One (1) sewer chower controller for sewer grinder panel	Detention Center	Engineered Controls Group, Inc.	\$4,574	General Fund/M & O - Detention Center
Provide design services for a supplemental boiler for the HVAC system at the Judicial Courthouse	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Dulohery, Weeks and Gagliano, Inc.	\$3,500	MGF - General Government
Plans, Bid books and CDs for Detention Center Expansion	Engineering	Clayton Digital Reprographics, Inc.	\$2,500	CIP Bonds - Detention Center Expansion
450 ton graded aggregate base course stone	Public Works and Park Services	Aggregates USA, LLC	\$9,337	SSD - Public Works
Four (4) locks with key switch options	Detention Center	Norment Security Group, Inc.	\$2,640	General Fund/M & O - Detention Center
Five (5) hand held computers for Sheriff's Dept. telecom staff	I.C.S.	GHA Technologies, Inc.	\$3,345	General Fund/M & O - Sheriff's
15 Dell toner cartridges for Finance printer	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P. (State Contract)	\$2,673	General Fund/M & O - Finance
Replacement of time clock for parking lot lights and replacement of ballast on 13 lights	Aquatic Center	Godbee & Rimes Electrical Contractors	\$2,936	General Fund/M & O - Aquatic Center
Remove and replace 484 linear feet of concrete curb and gutter at various locations	Public Works and Park Services	Atlantic Building Construction	\$9,112	CIP - Public Works

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3. ROADS AND DRAINAGE REPORTS.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached as information.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 ROADS
AGENDA DATE: November 19, 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 Georgia Department of Transportation (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 to 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. ROW plans approved by GDOT. Right of way acquisitions are on hold pending assessment of alternatives to minimize impacts to historic properties.
5. Local Roads.
 - a. Dulany Road. Construction substantially complete.
 - b. Dean Forest Road. Project replacing culverts for the Hardin Canal is substantially complete.
 - c. Kings Ferry Boat Ramp roads and parking. Under construction. Ramps and parking area are closed to public use. Board awarded a contract on August 13. Estimated completion date is March, 2011.
 - d. Fenwick Avenue/Medford Street. Paving of dirt roads is under construction. Estimated completion is April, 2011.
 - 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. Utility relocation in progress. County Contract with GDOT complete. Bids will be solicited for construction contract in December 2010.
 - g. Billins Road. Design complete. ROW acquisitions complete. Bids will be solicited for construction contract in November 2010.
 - h. Elmhurst Road. Beechwood Road and Ridgewood Road. Design and ROW acquisition complete on Elmhurst and Beechwood. Ridgewood re-design ongoing.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts All

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 DRAINAGE
AGENDA DATE: November 19, 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 SR21 to the Savannah River (Phase 1) was completed in 2005. On August 17 the Board awarded a construction

contract for Phase 2A which includes improvements from Phase 1 to Dean Forest Road. Staff expects to issue notice to proceed with the work by November 2010. 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 approximately 80 percent complete. 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. Design work is underway on the design of five undersized culverts along the canal.

5. Queensbury Drainage Improvements. The project area is south of Montgomery Cross Road and west of Ferguson Avenue and includes Tara Manor, Ennis Mobile Home Park, Lakeview and Forest City Gun Club. A preliminary design for improvements to serve Tara Manor is under review. Final design of improvements for the mobile home park is complete. Permitting is complete. Staff expects to present the Board with a recommendation for award of a construction contract by December 2010.

6. Kings Way Canal. The Kings Way Canal extends from the Kingswood Subdivision to Whitefield Avenue (about 0.7 miles). The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization and culverts. 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 is underway and expected to be completed in December 2010.

7. Louis Mills/Redgate Canal. The Louis Mills and Redgate Canals are tributaries to the South Springfield Canal. On October 8, 2010 the Board approved a change order to the current construction contract that will upgrade an additional culvert and extend the contract time of completion. Construction is expected to be complete by the end of 2010. Staff is continuing review of 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 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 are expected to be complete by January 2011.

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 the drainage improvements 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 are 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. Design work and permitting is complete for the Norwood Place outfall. Design work is underway for the outfall at Skidaway Road. Staff is acquiring 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 to replace the golf cart culvert at Henderson Oaks Drive is underway. The work at Henderson Oaks Drive will require temporary closure of the road to traffic. 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 are complete. Staff expects to present the Board with a recommendation for award of a construction contract by December 2010.

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 and is expected to be complete by January 2011.

17. Leigh-Shipyard Lane Area. The project will relieve roadside drainage issues causing nuisance flooding in the Lehigh Avenue and Shipyard Lane area. 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 January 2011.

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. Final design plans and required permitting are expected to be complete by December 2010.

19. Wahlstrom Road. The project will address drainage and maintenance access along the portion of Wahlstrom Road north of the railroad tracks. The 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.

20. Romney Place Drainage Phase. Improve storm drains and road crossings on Romney Place and along Parkersburg Road. Construction work is complete.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.
Districts: All

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion being made by Commissioner Shay and seconded by Commissioner Stone, the Board recessed at 11:00 a.m. to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel, litigation and land acquisition. [NOTE: Commissioners Holmes and Gellatly were not present.]

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

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

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned approximately 11:53 a.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF DECEMBER, 2010

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

JANICE E. BOCOOK, INTERIM CLERK OF COMMISSION