

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2011, 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 9:33 a.m.

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II. INVOCATION

Commissioner James Holmes gave the Invocation.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner David Gellatly led the Pledge of Allegiance to Flag of the United States of America.

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Chairman Liakakis said, I call on our temporary county clerk, Janice, 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
 Helen L. Stone, Chairman Pro Tem, District One
 James J. Holmes, District Two
 Patrick Shay, District Three
 Patrick K. Farrell, District Four
 Harris Odell, Jr., District Five
 David M. Gellatly, District Six
 Dean Kicklighter, District Seven

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

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CHATHAM YOUTH COMMISSION

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. I'd like to introduce three of our Chatham County Youth Commissioners today. On my far left, your right, Jomell Johnson, who is representing – in fact he's a Youth Commissioner for Early College. Nice to have you here, Jomell. And Avonna Kemp, who is the Youth Commissioner representing Savannah High School; and then we have Kenneth Johnson, Youth Commissioner from Jenkins High School. Glad to have all three of you here with us this morning.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Liakakis said, under Item 5 there are no proclamations. Excuse me, Avonna –

Youth Commissioner Avonna Kemp said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. As you are aware, Monday, February 14th is Valentine's Day, a day set aside for love. Are you also aware that each year approximately one in four adolescents report verbal, physical, emotional, or sexual abuse? Are you also aware that approximately one in five adolescents reports being a victim of emotional abuse, and are you also aware that approximately one in five high school girls have been physically or sexually abused by a dating partner?

Youth Commissioner Kenneth Johnson said, dating violence among their peers is reported by 54% of high school students. One in three teens reported knowing a friend or peer who has been physically hurt by his or her partner through violent actions which include hitting, punching, kicking, slapping or choking.

Youth Commissioner Jomell Johnson said, this Monday, February 14th, 2011, the Chatham County Youth Commission will once again partner with the Safe Shelter and Macy's for our 2nd Annual Love Shouldn't Hurt campaign. Chatham County Youth Commissioners will be wearing distinctive campaign t-shirts and distributing stickers to their peers as we remind them to get kisses – all three Youth Commissioners said, not disses. Youth Commissioner Jomell Johnson said, thank you for your support.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you, very much. Yeah, we appreciate that, and the questions that you did ask, Avonna, a number of people – quite a few know about these particular statistics, but a lot of people out in our population do not know that. Unfortunately, we have situations where they crowd over at our Juvenile Court system, and that's what happens when a crime like that has been committed in a number of those particular areas. But this Commission is well aware, and we support many things in the community, and as you were talking about love, and what y'all will be giving love on Valentine's Day, this coming Monday. That's wonderful, and thank y'all very much for that.

Youth Commissioner Jomell Johnson said, thank you.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

- 1. SET BOARD BUDGET GOAL SESSION AND RETREAT. (ALSO NOTE, THERE IS A REQUEST FOR A SEPARATE RETREAT TO DISCUSS CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY BUDGET AND SERVICE PROGRAM).**

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. On Item 6, we have Chairman's Item, set Board budget goal session and retreat. And there is a request also for the Chatham Area Transit budget and service program, and when we get to that item under the Chatham Area Transportation, we will have that. Now in that we have sent out a request that we want and see, we will poll all of the – all of the Commissioners again to make sure that we can have the majority, if not all of them about the retreat, because what's coming up is, of course, that we're going to be looking at our annual budget, and our finance staff under the direction of our County Manager, Russ Abolt, has worked hard on this, and they'll be giving us a lot of information, and of course, this year will be over at the Trade Center, and having our retreat at that particular location. So, possibly by Tuesday, we will give you the date that's, you know, that's convenient because it's necessary for us to have that as soon as possible.

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

- 1. COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH (CHAIRMAN LIAKAKIS and COMMISSIONER THOMAS)**

Chairman Liakakis said, under Item 7, Commissioners' Items, County Government Month. This is for Commissioner Thomas and myself, and she's been working on that County Government Month. It used to be we celebrated that for one week, and then because it was so successful but couldn't get a lot of things in on a national level, they have determined now that the county government month should – county government celebration should be more than just one week, so it's on a monthly basis now, and I call on Commissioner Thomas to give any kind of comments that you'd like right now.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Board and Ladies and Gentlemen. Yes, this is a great opportunity for Chatham County, and especially this year, because the emphasis and the theme will be on our armed services and our veterans, and we certainly want to make sure that we do a good job and include those personnel that will help us to proclaim this very important month. And hopefully that the public, as well as all of our officials will join in with us so that we can be very, very successful in this event. Mr. Chairman. I'm excited about getting it kicked off. It comes about in April, but we want to make sure that we start planning now so that it can be very effective.

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah, and the last several – several times when we've had this celebration and information that's disseminated to the public, it has been very successful, and we had a good participation from our citizens, in addition with all of our staff people and all of our employees that participated also.

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- 2. RV PARKING (COMMISSIONER KICKLIGHTER)**

Chairman Liakakis said, next item, RV Parking, Commissioner Kicklighter.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess contrary to – I'll just start with this. Contrary to the one page staff report that you have in front of you, this is a much deeper issue. I printed out just the emails, not even staff reports and where we've worked and – so rather than one page, we have that (shows large stack of documents) from just emails to me going on with the RV parking. What we have here to give a little bit of history and background is – I'm going to make the long story much shorter with this. This is how I understand it. Someone in Henderson Golf Community bought an RV; was cited or either told they had to move it. They went from – went to the HOA, Homeowners Association meeting, and was told that if they wanted to change it they'd have to obtain, I guess, 51% of the residents in that neighborhood's signatures to change it. As I understand it, whoever the person was, did that, obtained the signatures needed to obtain the RV parking situation in Henderson Golf Community. So, their covenant was changed and that allowed or was more lenient, I guess, when concerning RV parking. Problem for us. Normally Homeowners Association rules are much stricter than government ordinances. That's the way it normally is. That's – that's why many of you people purchase homes in neighborhood associations, because you can be much stricter; you can tell what color to paint something, where you can place a plant or rock or whatever. So, you know, that's – that's the way it goes. Most of the homeowners, their rules are much stricter. That's not the case now in Henderson. Basically, our ordinance is stricter. So, what's pretty much happened, what seems to be, I guess, for a couple years now, it may have only been a little over a year, is I along with the county staff I feel like have tried to be almost some type of mediator, because I don't know the number that approved the change, but I'm guessing it's close to half in Henderson wanted it, and half – you know, I don't know the numbers. But all I know is that no matter what happens, pretty much half's going to be mad.

Commissioner Thomas said, mm-mmm.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I know that if we're successful today in finding a fair compromise, I know that everybody living in my district that lives in the neighborhood's going to be mad at me. That is one heck of a thing to face, but that is what y'all elected me to do, is try to do the fair thing, and just hope all of you aren't too mad. Because I hope you can respect the position that we're in and I'm in. Is – it's right there in your first vote, somebody's going to be mad, and if we get what I believe to be a fair compromise all of you's going to leave here mad.

Passionate, this is very passionate. I'm going to read just a couple of little parts of emails here. "My husband and I own a home in Henderson and definitely do not want to see any ordinance passed that would allow RV's, boats to be parked in the community. One of the reasons we bought our home in this community was for the restrictions and regulations." I'm going to read a few of these but they're short. "I wanted to personally explain to you my reasons for not wanting the RV ordinance to be changed. Please don't let them destroy it." And they were referring to the neighborhood. "I would like to express my concern and disapproval of any change to the parking ordinance allowing RV parking in the driveway for any length of time. Do not approve any change to the RV parking ordinance." Another email says, "I wanted to ensure that you had the amendment as it relates to the county ordinance in partnership with Henderson's governing declaration. The amendment allows for the RV's to be temporarily parked in the driveways but I understand that the county does not and owners are to be cited if parked in their driveway by the county. The county ordinance allows for the RV's to be parked in the street, which many feel is far more unsafe due to the size of the recreational vehicles. Hence owners are being cited by the county even though the amendment passed within the community, which permits the RV's to be parked their temporarily. I am seeking a resolution that will allow the community to partner with the county rather than have owners cited every time they turn around. Can you clarify for me, what the goal of the county is when it comes to restrictions on parking within the driveways, please? You feel it is safer for RV's to be parked in the street as opposed to the driveway?"

"Good afternoon. I hope that you can clarify something for me. My neighbor across the street parks this huge RV in the street briefly a few times a month. I told him that I was uncomfortable with the way it blocks the view of oncoming traffic and that I believe it to be a safety issue. He told me the most ridiculous thing. He said that he wasn't allowed to use his driveway and that it was a county law that he had to park in the street. Is that true and if so, why?"

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's why we're here with you today. I'm – I would say in all the years I've been in politics, I've ran into a few issues that – couple maybe that I feel like I straddled the fence because I really don't like that in government. I honest to God can see both sides of this argument. Excuse me. For a year or two I along with staff have proven to not be very successful at tempering this neighborhood dispute. That it – it's still going on. And I, much like probably everyone in the audience, I'm sick of this issue, and I think all of you are sick of this issue. So, I want some resolution for the people in my district and with the knowledge and understanding that we all – sometimes we win in life, sometimes we lose, but you cut your bait and you keep – you move on once it's over. So, my hope is to listen today and please if you want to speak, keep it to two – if – if everyone here's gonna speak, keep it to three minutes or so a person if – if possible. I want to listen and us come up with what we believe or deem to be the fairest solution possible, and I've told many of the citizens in an email that I sent back, if you deem that to be to be the way the ordinance is currently worded – worded, then it will remain the same or you decide to change it, it changes. But whatever the outcome may be, this issue is over. One way or another. Because y'all need to decide at this point – we as a group need to decide. A couple little things I will throw out there just to not lay everything in your laps. I did a little bit of research. In California there is a company that found a software company – I mean there's a government agency in California that found a software company that created the software where residents with an RV can go on line and obtain a free permit. That a way the government's notified I guess at that point that they're going to bring it in and park, and, you know, that a way they can track it. 'Cause if – if they didn't go on line and get this free permit and it was parked there then I guess they could be cited. So, you know, just having said that, there's – there's options out there to have a possible compromise. Again, I see both sides of this. It's a personal preference thing when it comes to what neighborhoods you buy in and what you like and what you don't like, and, you know, I'm straddling that fence, I guess. But the main thing is I ask y'all let's listen and come up with what we deem to be fair and that could be the way it is now but I – I do see where I'll – I'll say this, I guess I'm not going to straddle the fence. I find it kind of strange that we will allow a huge RV to park right in the street for a certain amount of time as far as safety goes. Something – emergency vehicles getting around it. But I understand not wanting somebody to start camping out next door either when you bought a house in a golf course community, and, you know, so if there's a way to allow temporary parking in a drive and assure that it's temporary, that makes sense to me more than in the street. But if it's allowed and no one

decides to enforce the rules, I'd be up in arms if somebody set up camp next to me. And, you know, or I can understand if someone was. So, having said that I – Mr. Chairman, I guess, if you'll call and just – Chairman Liakakis said, all right, Mr. County Attorney will you –

County Attorney Jonathan Hart said, yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, – so that the audience will know what is the wording now in the county ordinance and give us the date so that everybody up here on the Commissioners will know that it was voted on.

County Attorney Hart said, I don't have the date in front of me, but it was approximately two years ago, I would say, that – that this came up. It came up out of the background that we had a lot of subdivisions in Chatham County that have had covenants. The covenants had expired. People were parking tractor trailers, boats, RV's, in driveways on a permanent basis. We received oodles of complaints about that. Typically we have always tried to leave those issues to the covenants within the subdivision, but we could not address the issue of what to do when the covenants are expired and they – some of the subdivisions were looking pretty poor. So we came up with an ordinance that said in those subdivisions where there are covenants and those subdivisions where the covenants have expired, we will have an ordinance that limits you to parking an RV in front of your house for 24 hours. We left the rest of Chatham County out of it because that's a less urban type situation. A lot of people have large pieces of property where they park lots of different things. We've never regulated that, and we kept that out of the regulation. The reason why we regulated it to the street is because we own the right of ways. We don't own your home, and we wanted to stay out of people's private property. And that's primarily an enforcement issue. We will be happy as a staff to delete the ordinance if instructed, keep the ordinance if instructed, amend the ordinance if it is instructed. I'm sort of like Commissioner Kicklighter, I don't know how you win this one because whoever you – you know, if you put a time limit on it, you got to do something that's reasonable and you got to do something that's measurable. The county does not have the resources to become the time police. And that's basically the issues.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Now, if there is anybody in the audience that you would like to speak on this particular issue? We are requesting that you, you know, keep it down to three minutes because we have a lot of people in the audience. So if you have somebody that might want to represent your particular Homeowners Association and to speak or individual, I'd like for you to come up to the podium here and what you do will give your name and address so that we can have it for the records. So, now, let's start on the first row. Do we have an – we'll just go back from row to row because I – I don't want to have people to keep their hands up the whole time we're having this discussion. So on the first row on – over here on the left, anyone for that? On the second row, raise your hand. All right. And anybody else on the other side would like to speak, raise your hand on that issue. All right, ma'am. Would you come up, then. And I'll get to the third – I'll get to the other rows as we go along.

Judy Ross said, Mr. Chairman and County Commissioners, good morning. My name is Judy Ross. I live at 220 Henderson Oaks Drive, 31419, in the Henderson Golf Community. I come before you today to share my opinions and insights with regard to the proposed amendment to the current ordinance. I address you today as a property owner and a tax payer. My insights and expertise have root in 34 years experience as a residential real estate agent and government experience as a former City Alderman. Mr. Kicklighter – Commissioner Kicklighter and the rest – and the rest of the Commission, I've added a couple things to my notes based on what you said. There's been a few times relative to the community changing the covenants. You all know there's been a few times in history where a few people convinced a large number of people to drink the Kool-Aid. We had a very low bar for the petition. There was no verification that the person who signed the petition really signed it, only that they were on the roster of property owners and in signing it many of them marked a box that they were told meant they didn't have to come to the meeting but what the box meant was you gave your proxy vote to the person at your door with the petition. They went to the meeting and voted the way they wanted to vote. I have two people with me that had one of them come to her door that can testify to that.

Okay, I also speak for a large number of my neighbors who aren't able to be here because they're working or because they have been bullied and intimidated about this issue within the neighborhood, and because we disagree with the group that wants to change the current ordinance. The reasons we are not in favor of modifying the existing ordinance – sort of some questions for you, if it isn't broken for the majority of homeowners, and – and I'm talking about the entire unincorporated Chatham County, why fix it? RV or commercial vehicle owners by court – current ordinance can park on a county street for up to 24 hours to load, unload, service, yet it makes it inconvenient to utilize it as additional – additional living space. As you know, if you change this ordinance, it applies to all driveways in unincorporated Chatham County. It's impractical for the county to monitor it and enforce it. It's clear that the county already has difficulty enforcing the ordinance currently on the books. There is no enforcement on evenings, weekends or holidays. It is totally complaint driven. If a resident complains, how will the county verify the length of time the RV or commercial vehicle's parked on the driveway, will you take the word of the complainant or the RV owner? It will cause further disputes between neighbors. Is the county prepared to spend more money to hire additional personnel to monitor and enforce the proposed ordinance? Is it reasonable – is it a reasonable use of our valuable tax dollars? Is it a wise use of police officers when the enforcement department is closed? As a real estate agent, my opinion is that the items mentioned in the existing ordinances – all of them which includes landscape trailers, large RV's, who may not be really nice. It doesn't say you have to have a \$200,000 one. It could be something I had in the '60s that I've got hippy colors on. Are you prepared to justify to all property owners that you're willing to risk devaluing the largest investment that most people make in their lifetime and upon which you receive probably the largest part of the county's operating funds in an already desperate real estate market? Parking on driveways makes it convenient for RV owners to plug in and use as a guest house. This has already been done in Henderson Golf Community in the past. I believe this is probably one of the reasons in 19 – in 2007 that you changed the ordinance. As it relates to Henderson, the very residents pushing you to change the ordinance are the very ones who knowingly violated both the neighborhood covenant when we had it in place and the existing county ordinance. The best predictor of future behavior is past behavior.

As a former elected official, Dean, I sympathize with you. A squeaky wheel always attracts attention. Of course you try to be fair to all. Unfortunately government is seldom about fairness and more about expeditiousness, affordability,

and the best interest for the greater number and the great purpose. I think a compromise has already been made by allowing 24-hour street parking. In reality and for safety reasons and the greater purpose, actually, I think the better solution is not to allow these types of vehicles in residential neighborhoods. In closing, if you're inclined to vote to dilute the existing ordinance, I believe you should not do so without holding public hearings for the entire county to give their input. You're not talking about one subdivision. And if you hold it, it should be two meetings. One in the daytime and one in the nighttime for citizens who have to earn a living. All property owners have the unconditional right to the quiet enjoyment of their property and should not be objected to the residential desires – I'm sorry, to the recreational desires of their adjoining neighbors. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you. All right. Anybody else on the third row? Raise your hand if you'd like to speak. Anybody on the third row? The fourth row? Anybody on the fourth row would like to speak? Please come forward. You have someone that's going to speak? What?

Kelly Newcomer said, hello. I'm Kelly Newcomer. I live at 221 Meadowlark Circle in Henderson, and I'm just a retired Sheriff's Deputy. I just retired 15 years with the Sheriff's Department. And when we – before we retired, we wanted to get an RV to enjoy our retirement. And I knew that we couldn't store it – store the RV on the premises permanently, but I never in my wildest dreams thought that they didn't want it in there at all. That's why we went to the door-to-door petition. I had no intentions of plugging in, letting anybody live in it. You know, I spent two – a hundred thousand dollars on it and I – and I want to enjoy it. And I'm only going to have it there temporarily, just to load and unload –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, could you turn the microphones up a little bit towards you?

Mr. Newcomer said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Mr. Newcomer said, but I – I really don't understand – one – one thing is how twenty – just twenty-four hours is all I'm – the times I've brought my RV into the driveway – into the subdivision, it's never been there – you can – probably even close to 24 hours. You – I just bring it in there, we load – we bring it in there late in the afternoon. We leave first thing in the morning. We come back and I wash it and stuff and take it right back down to Hunter. That's where I store it. I just – the only thing I have problems with with the county ordinance is that – the time frame for me personally is okay. Twenty-four hours is fine, but I just don't like it out in the road, because one, I'm afraid that somebody's going to rear end it and get hurt or a pedestrian's going to get hit while they're walking around it. We've got a lot of kids that play in the street and a lot of people walk in the streets. I just brought a couple pictures here that – I just wanted to show you what it looks like in the street and what it looks like from the – in the driveway. But this is what it looks like –

Chairman Liakakis said, all right, do this –

Commissioner Stone said, pass it around.

Chairman Liakakis said, Jerrell, come get that and pass that – the pictures down so while we're hearing the comments.

Jerrell McCrell said, you want me to put it on the overhead?

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah, just start it over here. Yeah do it right here so the audience can see it also.

Mr. Newcomer said, and – and I'm not even going to address some of the accusations about us – about the – the way we did our – the petition stuff and it doesn't need to be – we followed the rules. We got our Homeowners Association attorney to approve the petition that we did, and then we explained it totally before anybody signed. You know – I ain't even going to go to into that. As far as the other subdivisions, The Landings, they allow RV's into their area up to three days. I don't know – I – I couldn't get a copy of their covenants, but they – they allow for three days. If somebody comes to visit, they can stay there up to a week, as long as they ain't parked in the road or – or blocking – or on the grass or blocking any driveways. So I mean – there's just, you know, a lot of other subdivisions don't have that problem. The reason we got that problem is because we got one bad neighbor that – that instigates other neighbors to get them all riled up, and it's just been an uproar. And it's just been a nightmare ever since this whole thing started. And I – I just don't – I'm totally afraid that parking the RV out in the street is going to get somebody injured. And, you know, getting injured would be at the top of my list. And, you know, I don't want my RV damaged. And it's just safer to park – to park it – I can – I can plug in either – out in the road or in the – in the driveway. But it's not to plug in to – to let anybody live in it. I have no intentions of living – living – of letting somebody come over and live in it. I got a house for that. But I – I got some of the – the other subdivisions, and I ain't gonna read it out loud. I'll pass this around too. Let y'all look at it. There's about three other covenants' for other subdivisions. And I also got the – the city also has an ordinance against – for this – about the same thing that we got for the county, but you got people – well, we got a friend down on Largo that they've – they've got an electric hook up and they park theirs permanently on their slab that they poured alongside their driveway. But I have no intentions of doing that. I don't want to do that because it blocks the driveway. I'm afraid – my wife ain't real good at backing up, and I'm afraid she's going to back into my RV. She backed into my police car one time but –

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. All right. Thank you very much.

Mr. Newcomer said, okay.

Chairman Liakakis said, we appreciate your comments. You want to give him his pictures back? All right, anybody else on the fourth row would like to speak?

Bob Barr said, good morning Commissioners. My name's Bob Barr. I'm a retired army officer and also a retired civil servant. I moved to Savannah four years ago when I reached that magic age of 60 and thought this would be a real

nice place to settle. The selling agent, who sold me my home, previously spoke to you. She happens to be my neighbor, or I should say, who lives down the street. The person who continues to park their 26-foot Winnebago RV fully loaded in the driveway is me. I've been cited. Warned once, cited once by the county. I have paid \$200 in fines for parking my RV in my driveway for no longer than 24 – the longest it was ever there was 36 hours. I'm planning to go to the Keys for a month, down the naval air station, and I'll be bringing it out again. Now I do park it on the street, and I do have enough cord that reaches my home so I can plug in from the street. However, when you put the RV in the driveway for a short period of time, you can put the awning out, the slide out, to clean it once you return from a trip, and the County Commissioner – or not the County Commissioner but the people who cited me came out and saw what I was doing. I had my daughter out there. We were trying to get it washed as quickly as possible. The lady who lives down the street from me came out, saw there, she called the county, the county came out and the lady, Ms. Johnson, who had to cite us, said that, I'm very sorry, I really don't want to do this, and cited it. Well, I'm going to continue to do that. I'm hurting nobody. Neighbors across the street have small children. When you put things out in the street – I live on a cul-de-sac. There is no thru traffic. There are three houses that would be inconvenienced by it being on the street. All emergency vehicles can come and pass without no problem whatsoever, but when you put the slide out and the awning out, it creates a problem, and you got to wash it once in a while and clean it and pack it. The best thing to do is when you pack in mine, you have to put the slide out out to get everything in.

Having done that, the next thing is the change the petition. I'm the one that's been accused of strong-arming the people of Henderson to change the covenants. I've been playing games with this, and we finally got a group of people who have RV's that are tired of the hassle, at that time, from the Homeowners Association. At no time was anybody strong-armed in Henderson. I went around with a board that we got the petition as proposed, and we had an attorney review it that gave us the proxy vote. We went through the – Henderson, and the biggest thing we found out by going through and talking to all of the neighbors – I spoke to all seventeen neighbors on Henderson Drive, and they all support two days in the driveway and on the street. Either/or. There were no – when we got halfway through the petition, it was brought up that there is a – an ordinance that prevented 24 hours no parking in your driveway. I spoke personally with each and every homeowner on those streets. And the biggest thing that came out of the homeowners were the stupid people on the Board that were giving citations for not painting their mailbox – that's what came out. And there are two people who came out loud and clear from the hundred or so people that I talked to, and I'm going to tell you right now, that's when I got an eye opener. And again, the person who sold me my home, never bothered to – bothered to tell me that there were these major restrictions in the area.

Now having said all that, my proposal is revert – I know you can't – I know the Commission – the ordinance trumps Homeowners' Association, but either/or to do what you have to do would not impede anybody on my street or any of my neighbors except one, and that person is in this room tonight -- this morning.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much.

Mr. Barr said, okay. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, I appreciate that, and thank you for moving to our area. Anybody else on the fourth row? Yes, sir, come forth.

Ernest Penn said, good morning, Mr. Chairman, my name is Ernest Penn. I live at 202 Meadowlark Circle, Savannah, at Henderson. I am also on the Board. I have been on the Board for the last three years, and I want to say I think the Commission got it right. I think it needs to be restricted. Twenty-four hours is long enough, and I think everybody could agree to that. We do fine people that go passed 48 hours. But the only thing with the law and the problem I see with the law is telling them where to park. As long as they park where it is safe, it shouldn't be a problem. Twenty-four hours is 24 hours, whether they're on the street or in – in their driveway. As long as they do it safely, I don't see a problem with it. But they go beyond the 48 hours that the Board says, they are gonna get fined by us and probably by the County also. I just think we need to come to some happy medium about making sure they're parking safe, whether it's in the street or on the driveway. And I think everybody'll get along in Henderson. And that's it.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much. Anybody else on the fourth row. Fifth row? Anybody in the audience on the fifth row would like to comment? Last row? Anybody on the last row? Okay. We appreciate all of that information. I call on Commissioner Dave Gellatly. Did you want to –

Commissioner Gellatly said, no.

Chairman Liakakis said, – make a comment? Dean?

Commissioner Gellatly said, in – in time I do, but not right now.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Have a question, I guess for staff, as far as enforcement. What would be the difference, as far as staff being able to enforce/not enforce when we're referring to a time frame? Could there even be a difference in enforcement if it was parked in a driveway versus a street?

County Manager Russ Abolt said, if I may, Mr. Chairman, Dr. Thomas, Commissioner Stone, Gentlemen, the – the issue is which department responds. Part of the wisdom when we addressed it before as referenced by the – the County Attorney is if – if it's on the street the police department would have the jurisdiction. If it's on private property and given the restrictions and legitimate as to what government can say about one's use of private property, it falls within the realm of the Department of Building Safety and Regulatory Services, and the fact of the matter is, Mr. Anderson has two people, county-wide to deal with this type of situation. So I would be disingenuous to you and to those in the audience if you were to try to do something on private property with the expectation that we had the people power to enforce. It's – it's just not going to happen.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, let me – let me ask with all due respect. How many phone calls per year do we get?

I mean like it's going to bombard the inspections office. How – I mean –

County Manager Abolt said, it would – sir – sir, I can give you one subdivision in Commissioner Farrell's district, Battery Point. We – we're bombarded. Some Commissioners don't get them, but the expectation on – on – on – and I don't want to say genuineness, because I don't mean in such a way, but – mattresses, junk, all that stuff –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, no, I know we get that, but I mean, as far as RV ordinance breakers? Other words, how much can that add to the work load?

County Manager Abolt said, well, if the – if the expectation that there will be somebody there to deal with it, and the expectation of those that leave the room now should you pass an ordinance is all they have to do is call in and complain, I've got to tell you, I don't have the resources to be able to respond in a timely fashion.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well, and I don't – this will sound smartalecky, but I ask ourselves to evaluate the job we're doing. Why do we even have ordinances if we can't enforce them?

County Manager Abolt said, well I think the issue is the roll of the government. I mean that's legitimately. How – how far should government go and we're – we're –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, take – take this issue aside, but I mean if we're that pathetically understaffed that we can't – I mean –

County Manager Abolt said, but – but we – we are, sir. I mean, last year remember in the Inspections Department, I had to cut 45% of the budget just to – to live within the revenue coming in.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well – and – and I'm very well aware that this monies we're talking about's coming from the Special Service District in which now pays for a police department which merged which cost them about three times more than it did prior to the merger, and I'm well aware that they really now basically get no services. They get to pay for a bloated police department and subsidized crime fighting in the City of Savannah while off-setting the crime stats and everything. I understand all of that. But, I – I guess I'm asking as far as that goes, why not take a look and really evaluate – see – and get some priorities, and I'm not talking RV's. I'm just talking – let's quit pretending being a – pretending like we give city services to the unincorporated area because we're taxing them with city service taxes called – disguised as special service district taxes and it's just pretty pathetic that we can't enforce any – anything, much less just – I'm not even talking RV's at that point. But the difference in enforcing in a driveway versus the roadway, I think – y'all can go from there. I don't – I don't see where it would be a big difference, but – and I think that would be a good compromise. The same time frame.

Chairman Liakakis said, Dave?

Commissioner Gellatly said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm – I'm not going to straddle the fence, and I respectfully disagree with Commissioner Kicklighter. The Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department is certainly not bloated. They have adequate resources but they certainly do not have excessive resources. It was already stated, the ordinance that we have now or any changes that we make to the ordinance is going to affect the entire Chatham County, and we have to think about that. When we allow – if we are to allow RV's to park in driveways, that is totally unenforceable. Code people can't go up on people's private property and chalk a tire. If it's on a street, you can chalk a tire and you can tell exactly how long that – that vehicle's been there. In my opinion, that's a unenforceable ordinance if we were to change that, and we're – I – I understand and I respect the fact that you've got retired people out there that have spent a lot of money on – on these expensive RV's, and – and I – I appreciate that, but when you go ahead and tweak these ordinances to go county-wide – I have 30 years of experience of enforcement, and I've – I've watched over this county what can happen. And keep in mind we're talking about a county-wide situation, and we can't – we can't create an ordinance for your neighborhood. What happens when you can park a vehicle in a driveway that in about a week, and it happens, and there – there – there's no such thing as time police, and we – no government can afford that, you see the little orange cords come out and the green garden hoses come out, and you've got guest houses, and you've got – you – rather than build on to one's house, they've got a mobile home sitting in the driveway, and again, I'm – I'm saying this is a county-wide thing. We can't – if it was possible for us to tweak your neighborhood, we probably should take a good look at that, but I'm talking about county-wide, you just can't do that, and therefore, I'm – I – I – when it comes to a vote, I'm – I will not ride the fence. You leave the ordinance just like it is as far as this Commissioner's concerned. Thank you.

Commissioner Stone said, is that a motion?

Chairman Liakakis said, James?

Commissioner Farrell said, you don't have to make a motion to keep it the same.

Commissioner Stone said, okay.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. It – it – it appeared to me from what I've heard, and I received quite a bit of emails and comments from the citizen, and I live in neighborhoods where we have concern in our neighborhood but we call special meetings; eliminate them ourself. It appear to me you all pay in to your association to voice your concern, but it appear now it gotten overwhelming with you making a decision and now you're bringing it back to the county to change it's code and it's policy. I personally don't think – I heard each statement, fair versus right. Now I don't even much want to consider anything fair when it come to right because I'm going to eliminate fair every time but I'm going to do what right. And if we do what is right for the issue that following us now, then this Board right now would vote to remain as is because what you just said is it's a whole thing changes through this whole county,

and every goal and step in that direction you all are not only affecting Henderson but then you affecting this whole entire county. Are we ready to go like that? Personally, I would say no.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, all right, Dean? Let me just say this. You speak now, but if you would like to make a motion on that, you know, so that we could move on because we've heard the people. You and then Priscilla.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, all right. Based on – based on what the staff told us of it not being enforceable, although that's very sad to me, that we – we can't enforce something. Based on the fact that we can't enforce a change that would allow RV's to temporarily park in a driveway and listening to my fellow Commissioners here, if that's a fact, it's a sad fact, but based on that which we've been told by the staff, I think it should remain the same, and I think the future we need to work on, not for just this, but anything in the future to have some people in place that can enforce ordinances period, or we just need to start getting rid of ordinances.

Chairman Liakakis said, Jon?

County Attorney Hart said, yeah, we – we struggle with the enforcement issue because most of the RV complaints come on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Our Inspections Department is not a 24/7 operation nor can we ever afford that. So the only arm that we have within government to enforce it on the weekend is the police force. And we put it in the public right of way because they had jurisdiction over that. And beyond that, you either have the ordinance or you don't have the ordinance. It's not complex. You've got to make a decision.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. Helen?

Commissioner Stone said, I just have one quick question for clarification, Mr. Chairman and to the County Attorney, do I understand this that the ordinance would supersede –

County Attorney Hart said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Stone said, – the Homeowners' Association?

County Attorney Hart said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. Just wanted to clarify that. Then – thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, I'm going to call on Harris again. But, let me just say this. We have to have ordinances. It's the same thing, you know, the state has statutes they call the laws, we have ordinances that the county and the city – they call them ordinances but they are the law, and if you don't have ordinances, you know, it could cause a lot of problems, safety things, like stop signs and there are many things that we have with ordinances on local levels, whether it's the city or the county. But I want everybody to understand that, and what I'm going to do, I'll be talking to the County Manager about enforcement, and we can look at something that might come before our County Commissioners so that we can make a, you know, a decision on that. Because we need to have, you know, the right thing that we place ourselves in a governing rule. Harris?

Commissioner Odell said, yeah, I – I think we could debate this forever, but the bottom line is that this ordinance, if we change it, will impact eight districts.

Commissioner Thomas said, mm-mmm.

Commissioner Odell said, and right at this point, I have no idea of all of the various covenants or all of the various neighborhoods and – it is not something that I feel comfortable that we should do. I, therefore, make the motion that the ordinance remain as is.

Commissioner Gellatly said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved for the RV ordinance to remain the same. Commissioner Gellatly seconded and it carried unanimously.

Russ Abolt

From: Dean Kicklighter [deankicklighter@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 2:44 PM
To:
Cc: Russ Abolt
Subject: RE: RV

Thank you for writing and sharing your thoughts and concerns. Because I have received so many emails from citizens on both sides of the "RV Parking" issue, this "reply" will be sent to all people who have emailed me regarding RV Parking.

As you most likely know, the Chatham County Staff and I have been fielding questions and listening to concerns and trying to help resolve RV Parking problems in Henderson for a couple of years now. Normally HOA's covenants/restrictions are tougher than government ordinances but the RV Parking issue in Henderson is unique because the covenant's regarding RV parking was changed in Henderson. The change made the covenant possibly less restrictive than the county ordinance. Because of this change and because the fact that over the past two years the Chatham County Staff and I have not been able to resolve the huge Henderson neighborhood dispute, I believe that it's past time that we all come together to discuss this issue with the entire county commission.

That is why I placed RV Parking on the Chatham County Agenda for Friday, February 11, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. My goal is to simply involve you as well as all people concerned, explore all options, talk about all issues and see if we can find a better way to handle RV parking.

If after the discussion the commission deems the current ordinance the best way to handle the parking issues then nothing in the ordinance will change. If the commission finds a way of parking RV's in which they deem to be better, the commission may very well choose to change the ordinance. No matter whether the ordinance changes or not I believe that everyone will be better off after the meeting because the issue will be closed once and for all and we will all be able to move forward with other issues.

I hope that you will be able to attend the meeting on Friday Feb 11th at 9:30 a.m. because the chairman and other commissioner's needs to hear both sides of this issue.

Again, thanks for writing and sharing your thoughts and concerns and I hope to see you on the 11th.

Sincerely,

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**3. ANNOUNCING THE YOUTH SUMMIT ON TUESDAY, THE 22ND OF MARCH
(COMMISSIONER THOMAS)**

Chairman Liakakis said next, Item 3, announcing the Youth Comm – the Youth Summit on Tuesday the 22nd of March. Commissioner Thomas?

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll be very brief because I've already stated the, I think, the meat of the program in there, but for the – for the benefit of those that are out here, we are planning a Youth Summit on March the 22nd, tentatively scheduled to be held at the Trade Center. We are looking forward to bringing in the New York Times best-seller author, Nicole Shapiro, who is from Los Angeles, California. She has an affinity of working with young people and others and are willing to come at approximately – almost no cost, to help us bridge the gap, particularly with our young people. As you are aware or may not be aware of the fact that Summer Bonanza has been in existence since 2000 – the year of 2000. This makes the 20 – 19th year that we have been in existence, going into 20. And we are hoping that we can get support from sponsors, as well as individual in helping us to help these young people make a difference in their lives. And, I think, unless someone has some questions or concerns, at this point, Mr. Chairman, I will entertain those. If not, I'm just hoping that we will have the participation and support of everyone because we are making a difference in the lives of these young people. We serve over – almost 4,000 young people every year and range from ages 7 to 17. We also have an outreach component. We work with the Juvenile Justice System, as well as deal with health issues and etc. Particularly a big thing that has been ongoing is bullying in the schools and etc., so we are dealing with that. Judge Beam, Judge Stone, and Judge Burke, they will be on the panel. They will be setting up a special workshop this year to talk about those kinds of things and work with these young people. We have saved a lot of young people who would have otherwise be in the county jail, and people had given up on them. We have teachers; we have authors; we have therapists. We have quite a few young people that we are just so proud of that we have been able to make a difference in their lives. We have a technology center at Moses Jackson that we have set up as well. So we need the support of companies and individuals. But tickets are going to be \$35 each, and of course, we do have sponsorship, and we're looking forward to a great year with these young people.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you. Helen?

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to thank Dr. Thomas for this. I think that the reality is that we do need to look at alternatives for incarceration and try to get our youth away from that track and that whole system. I – our new governor is well aware of this and is very interested in any type of jail diversion and looking at what we can

do to keep our young people and then ultimately our adults out of our prison system. So, I really think that you're on the right track with this, and I appreciate what you're doing.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. One other thing, I want to emphasize the fact that we are going to be dealing with our armed forces, as well. That will be in keeping with National County Government Week, and we're going to be involving our young people with that as well.

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CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, thank you. All right, what we're going to do right now, we'll recess as the County Commission and convene as the Chatham Area Transit Authority, and right after this meeting for the Transit Authority, then we will reconvene as the County Commission.

The Board recessed as the County Commission at 10:31 a.m., and convened as the Chatham Area Transit Authority.

Following adjournment of the Chatham Area Transit Authority, the Board reconvened at 11:42 a.m., as the County Commission.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

None.

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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) General Fund M&O: a) increase revenues and expenditures \$61,000 for Chatham Area Transit Authority management fees, b) transfer ~~\$96,000~~ \$111,625 from restricted contingency to EMS, (2) Special Service District: a) \$9,000 transfer from contingency to Fell Street Pump Station, (3) Sales Tax I Fund: a) increase revenues and expenditures in the Sales Tax I fund \$50,497 for Chatham County's share for compensation for purchase of rights-of-way for Truman Parkway V and b) approval of revised project budget schedules, and (4) Sales Tax II Fund: approval of revised project budget schedules.**

Chairman Liakakis said, Items for Individual Action. Number 1, to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: (1) General Fund M&O: a) increase revenues and expenditures \$61,000 for Chatham Area Transit Authority management fees, b) transfer ~~96,000~~, excuse me, they crossed that over, \$111,625 from restricted contingency to EMS, (2) Special Service District: a) \$9,000 transfer from contingency to Fell Street Pump Station, (3) Sales Tax I Fund: a) increase revenues and expenditures in the Sales Tax I fund \$50,497 for Chatham County's share of compensation for purchase of rights-of-way for the Truman Parkway V and b) approval of revised project budget schedules, and (4) Sales Tax II Fund: approval of revised project budget schedules.

Commissioner Farrell said, motion to approve.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I have a question.

Chairman Liakakis said, yes?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, on section number 2 in there, Special Service District, the 9,000 transfer from contingency to the Fell Street Pump Station. Does the Fell Street Pump Station primarily just serve unincorporated area residents?

County Manager Abolt said, it's split and this – this agreement predates me, but there was an issue where the County and the City agreed some time ago to fund this because there was joint benefit and that was the reason why.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay, well that just made me wonder. Do we – does the SSD fund all of our water pump stations or just this or what?

County Manager Abolt said, no, well, of course, this – this is drainage. This is unique in and of itself.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, oh, that's the drainage one. Okay. Thank you

Commissioner Thomas said, that's where the – the – you remember where the flooding when everybody lost their houses and a lot of stuff?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right, I was thinking it was water, like water and sewer type –

County Manager Abolt said, no, no, sir. No, sir.

Chairman Liakakis, no, and Dean, it's also, you can see because a lot of those channels come in to --

Commissioner Thomas said, right.

Chairman Liakakis said, – where they evacuate.

Commissioner Thomas said, right.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah, no, that's great. I – I thought it was water.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Need a motion on the floor.

Commissioner Odell said, move for approval.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Farrell said, it's already on the floor.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved for approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: (1) General Fund M&O: a) increase revenues and expenditures \$61,000 for Chatham Area Transit Authority management fees, b) transfer ~~\$96,000~~, excuse me, they crossed that over, \$111,625 from ~~restricted~~ contingency to EMS, (2) Special Service District: a) \$9,000 transfer from contingency to Fell Street Pump Station, (3) Sales Tax I Fund: a) increase revenues and expenditures in the Sales Tax I fund \$50,497 for Chatham County's share of compensation for purchase of rights-of-way for the Truman Parkway V and b) approval of revised project budget schedules, and (4) Sales Tax II Fund: approval of revised project budget schedules. Commissioner Thomas seconded and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1
AGENDA DATE: February 11, 2011

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) General Fund M&O: a) increase revenues and expenditures \$61,000 for Chatham Area Transit Authority management fees, b) transfer ~~\$96,000~~, excuse me, they crossed that over, \$111,625 from ~~restricted~~ contingency to EMS, (2) Special Service District: a) \$9,000 transfer from contingency to Fell Street Pump Station, (3) Sales Tax I Fund: a) increase revenues and expenditures in the Sales Tax I fund \$50,497 for Chatham County's share of compensation for purchase of rights-of-way for the Truman Parkway V and b) approval of revised project budget schedules, and (4) Sales Tax II Fund: approval of revised project budget schedules.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The intergovernmental agreement between the Chatham Area Transit Authority and Chatham County assumes a management fee of up to \$85,000. It is estimated that the management fee costs for fiscal 2011 will be \$61,000. A budget amendment to recognize the revenue and appropriate the funds to departments providing the services has been prepared. The departments include: Finance (\$30,000), Human Resources (\$17,000), County Manager (\$11,000), and County Attorney (\$3,000). Correspondence and a budget resolution are attached.
2. The contract for EMS services will require funds that exceed the amount in the adopted budget. An \$111,625 transfer from contingency to EMS is requested. Correspondence is attached.
3. Chatham County and the City of Savannah share in the costs associated with the Fell Street Storm Water Pump Station. The invoice exceeds the adopted budget. A \$9,000 transfer from Special Service District contingency to Fell Street Pump Station is needed. Correspondence is attached.

4. Chatham County has received funds for its share for compensation for purchase of rights-of-way through condemnation for Truman Parkway V. A resolution to amend the Sales Tax I budget for \$50,497 has been prepared. Correspondence is attached.
5. Project information for the Sales Tax I and Sales Tax II funds is also attached. These schedules provide detail for the resolutions approved by the Board at the January 14, 2011 meeting.

FUNDING: Funds are available in the General Fund M&O restricted contingency and the Special Service District contingency for the transfers. The budget amendments will establish funding in the General Fund M&O and establish funding for projects in the Sales Tax I fund.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the following:

GENERAL FUND M&O

- a) increase revenues and expenditures \$61,000 for Chatham Area Transit Authority management fees,
- b) transfer \$111,625 from contingency to EMS.

SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT

- a) transfer \$9,000 from contingency to Fell Street Pump Station.

SALES TAX I FUND

- a) increase revenues and expenditures \$50,497 for Chatham County's share for compensation for purchase of rights-of-way for Truman Parkway V, and
- b) approval of revised project budget schedules.

SALES TAX II FUND

- a) approval of revised project budget schedules.

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. TRANSMITTAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2011 SECOND QUARTER REPORT DATED DECEMBER 31, 2010, TO THE BOARD FOR INFORMATION.

Chairman Liakakis said, Item 2, transmittal of fiscal year 2011 second quarter report dated December the 31st 2010 to the Board for information.

County Manager Abolt said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, Dr. Thomas, Gentlemen, this has kind of become your – your required reading if you want to use that term in advance of your budget workshop. Every year at this time Ms. Cramer presents it, but the issue here is to pick up on some trends and – and the – the analogy I used with the Chairman yesterday, as Ms. Cramer and I were going over at – going over it with him, we – we're – we're having a problem on refunds, and it's – the analogy I used cutting two – both ends off a blanket. In one case the digest in many cases the other there has been a seemingly larger number of dollars refund, which is, you know, money out of the bank for refunds for whatever reason based on the adjust in property tax values. So, in one case we are getting a diminished digest and the other case, the other side of the blanket, we're beginning to give more refunds than is normal. So I defer to Ms. Cramer now.

Linda Cramer, Finance Director, said, that's correct. We are looking at trends as we go into the budget cycle, and what we're seeing in the general fund are revenues and expenses are pretty flat with last year, but we did see this trend with the refunds. And I've – Abda Quillian is here today and Mary Ellen Burner to talk to you a little bit about what's going on there. I think it would be good to understand this a little bit better. We also are seeing a similar trend in SSD, and we – kind of as our recession continues, we – we are continuing to have problems with some of those revenue-dependent funds like Building Safety. We've been dealing with that a couple years now. Now we're dealing with that on the Land Disturbing Activities Ordinance and also the Land Bank Fund. So, we're going to work on those. Hopefully we can solve these small fund problems before we get into the budget cycle. But, as far as the refunds go, I'm going to ask the enlightened individuals to help us with this.

Mary Ellen Burner said, good morning, Mr. Chairman, members of the County Commissioner. My name is Mary Ellen Burner. I am the Interim Chief Appraiser of the Chatham County Board of Assessors. There are several factors that go on with the refund issue that was presented to you by Ms. Cramer. The first one is the use of foreclosures in our normal day-to-day operations of when we evaluate the digest, when we're evaluating the sales in the neighborhood. By law we have to consider foreclosures and foreclosures do bring down neighborhoods. For example, we've seen foreclosures in condos at Tybee, for example, that have knocked down the Tybee value significantly. We've also seen condos downtown that have gone more or less belly-up and those values have made the whole neighborhood go down. We've also seen a lot of subdivisions that were started in prior tax years that they have become lots, but the developer

has either walked away from them because he doesn't have any funding from the bank or they have been taken over in foreclosures at lower lot values. And since they are foreclosures, we have to consider them, so that affects the entire neighborhoods in Chatham County. Another thing we have is income properties. The hotels, the apartment complexes. We receive actual information from those property owners, from those tax reps to evaluate those income producing properties. There has been an increase in vacancies in hotels, an increase in apartment complexes, so those things as well has reduced the digest. The final component is during the appeal process, the Board of Equalization is lowering a lot more values to sales price, to low price per square footage on residential structures, so there's a lot of factors at the appeal process that are also helping increase the refunds to the property owners of Chatham County.

Chairman Liakakis said, any questions?

Commissioner Odell said, did they change how appraisals have done? Do you see that has been in any way impacting property value? Before we had the hideous fall in property values, you'd use – you'd look at all the –

Ms. Burner said, the fee appraisals?

Commissioner Odell said, right.

Ms. Burner said, fee appraisals are coming in lower. There's not a lot of sales so they're going outside the neighborhoods, like the Tybee condos for example. We may see one or two sales in Tybee condo neighborhoods, so when we receive fee appraisals, they're using comparable condo neighborhoods. They may be using the DeSoto to use for Brass Rail condos. It just depends because there's not a lot of sales in those condo neighborhoods, so they're going outside, and they're using the foreclosures in the outside neighborhoods as comps. So it is taking a hit on the condos.

Chairman Liakakis said, give you an example of how these refunds go, in the General Fund M&O, the real property 2010 refunds were \$1,800,000 and the 2009 the refunds were \$696,000, so that's gone up well over \$1 million, almost \$1,200,000. And then under personal property, 2010 refunds were \$2,770,000 and the 2009 refunds were only \$204,000. So you can see, there's well over \$2 million in the personal property. And the same, you know, the average is also in the SSD where you've got that situations. Question?

Commissioner Odell said, I just wanted to finish my question if I could. Is this the tip of the iceberg, and if it's not the tip of the iceberg, are there things that we need to be considering for the coming budget year in anticipation that this slice of the pie might increase?

Ms. Burner said, I think we're living it right in the middle. I don't think we're at the tip of the iceberg. I think last year's digest was the tip of the iceberg. I don't think it's going to end anytime soon, maybe about a three to five year cycle will be hopefully having an increase in property value. But as I mentioned to the County Manager about a month or so ago, we are looking at another reduction for this fiscal – for this digest year, about 3 to 5%, so he's already offset that with the budget requests that he's given the departments.

Commissioner Odell said, okay. Thank you. I – is this the first time you've come before the Commission?

Ms. Burner said, yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, yes.

Commissioner Odell said, you've done an excellent job.

Ms. Burner said, thank you.

Commissioner Odell said, and how long have you been in your position?

Ms. Burner said, November 1st was when I was appointed Interim Chief Appraiser.

Commissioner Odell said, well, congratulations.

Ms. Burner said, thank you.

Commissioner Odell said, thank you for the input.

Ms. Burner said, thank you, sir.

County Manager Abolt said, and might I add, she's a pleasure to work with.

Chairman Liakakis said, Patrick?

Commissioner Shay said, without asking for a dissertation because this is a complicated subject, but if – if it were possible for you to write this down for me and send it to me, Stephens Day and Homestead Exemptions, of a similar nature, sort of presumed that it was a hedge against rising values forever –

Ms. Burner said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shay said, – because none of us ever believed, I certainly didn't, that we would hit deflation in real estate values –

Ms. Burner said, as hard as we have hit them. That's the big thing.

Commissioner Shay said, – right.

Ms. Burner said, we have hit them hard.

Commissioner Shay said, and what I would like for you to be able to explain to me because I have a number of people that ask me this question is, what is the effect of negative value on things like Stephens Day and Homestead Exemptions?

Ms. Burner said, well --

Commissioner Shay said, for example, I live in a condo that I purchased ten years ago, and I have a Stephens Day value that basically has frozen that value to a ten-year ago value. For a long time, the value on my bill – not on the bill but on the – on the valuation notice, rose, but the taxes stayed the same because I was under the Stephens Day number.

Ms. Burner said, mm-mmm.

Commissioner Shay said, now, the value is decreasing greatly, and I just would like an explanation that's short enough so that I could forward it to some people of whether that means anything or not.

Ms. Burner said, well Stephens Day, whether you're an increasing market or a decreasing market, your value's frozen for county purposes. However, you will always be taxed on the lower value. So if your Stephens Day is \$120,000 for simple example and your value is going up to 150, 180, whatever, that's what the County is going to get is the Stephens Day at 120. When the value drops to 100 or \$80,000, your going to be taxed on that lower value. So right now with prior year digests being the Stephens Day value, a lot of people are thinking twice about applying for Stephens Day because they see a descending market, so they'd rather hold out for a year or whatever the case may be and have it come down so then they would apply for Homestead or Stephens Day at a lower value. So they're trying to lock in something lower, trying to project, trying to predict the future when values hopefully will be on the increase.

Commissioner Shay said, that was beautiful. Could you write that down so that I can remember it.

Ms. Burner said, send me your email address.

Commissioner Shay said, I understood it when you said it, but it's one of those things that I'm not sure I could explain it to the next person.

Ms. Burner said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Shay said, thank you, Ms. Burner.

Ms. Burner said, and I tell everybody if they want us to come out there and explain things, we've already done a Savannah Bar Association meeting. We're going to the Exchange Et Club which is the female version of the Exchange Club. We've gone to the civic center – civic meetings. So we are open for the public. So if they have questions, comments, just call us, email us whatever it may be. We need to be part of the community, and I think we need to be more out in the public.

Commissioner Shay said, thank you very, very much.

Ms. Burner said, thank you Ladies and Gentlemen.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you.

Commissioner Odell said, we got to ask Ab Quillian a question or something. She's come over here and we've got to ask her something. She's an incredibly great lawyer.

Abda Quillian said, thank you. I appreciate that, Mr. Odell. I would also like to say part of, I think, some of the increase in these refunds has been because Ms. Burner and her staff being able to identify and process some backlogs, and I think that's fair to say that she's done an excellent job getting those.

Chairman Liakakis said, which hasn't been done always in the past like it is now.

Ms. Quillian said, that's correct, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Commissioner Odell said, that's why they're called backlog.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Commissioner Odell said, that's a joke.

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah, I know. You always make nice ones.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2**AGENDA DATE: February 11, 2011****TO:** Board of Commissioners**THRU:** R. E. Abolt, County Manager**FROM:** Linda Cramer, Finance Director**ISSUE:** To present the Fiscal Year 2011 Second Quarter Report dated December 31, 2010.

BACKGROUND: Financial reporting conveys information concerning the position and activities of the County to its citizens and other interested parties. Interim financial reports generally are prepared for use by professional government managers and board members. Such reports monitor levels of year-to-day operations and determine compliance with budgetary limitations.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Second Quarter Report covers various county funds and activities, presenting budget-to-actual comparisons. Adopted and amended fund budgets are presented as well as variance data. Prior year numbers are presented for comparison on the General Fund and Special Service District Summary reports.
2. Amended budgets shown herein represent budget transfers approved through December 31, 2010. In some cases, subsequent adjustments have occurred. Year-to-date expenditure and project balances are presented. Open purchase orders and outstanding contractual obligations are not included in the year-to-date or project expenditure amounts.
3. Notable items include the following:

General Fund M&O

- The General Fund received revenues of \$82.1 million during the first half of fiscal 2011 and expended \$78.7 million. This represented 55.1% and 51.73% of budgeted amounts respectively. Overall, General Fund revenue and expenditure activity is tracking very closely with fiscal 2010 amounts. Cash balances were positive.
- General property tax collections were \$66.6 million as second installment real property tax billings were collected. General property tax collections were at 56.8% of budget levels, slightly higher than the 55.1% collected a year ago. Revenues from the Tronox settlement were recognized during the period.
- Real and personal property refunds rose significantly from calendar 2009 levels. Refunds are generated by the Tax Commissioner's office based on data/changes in values as provided by the Assessor's Office. The Assessor receives the data from the Board of Assessors, the Board of Equalization and Superior Court. Refund data for the General Fund was:
 - Real Property – 2010 refunds were \$1,800,772; 2009 refunds were \$696,004
 - Personal Property – 2010 refunds were \$2,770,860; 2009 refunds were \$204,007
- Sales and use taxes were 48.8% of budget at mid-year and were comparative to 2010 levels. Over \$5.1 million was collected.
- The Other Taxes category represents bank occupation taxes. These revenues are not due until the third quarter.
- Penalties and interest on delinquent taxes remains strong at almost 70% of budgeted amounts.
- Finance has invoiced the City of Savannah for housing prisoners through November 2010. The City's most recent payment was for the October billing period.
- Low investment income reflects low cash balances in the fund through most of the first half of the year and low market investment rates.
- The expenditure variance in the Other Financing Uses category was caused by interfund transfers at the first of the year.
- Unusual expenditure variances for the following departments are explained below:
 - County Commissioners – 29.54% – Encumbered funds for management consultant services and for the County's legislative liaison have not been fully expended.
 - Youth Commission – 27.88% – Most funds are expended later in the fiscal year for the Youth Commission's annual trip.
 - Board of Elections – 93.2% – The Board of Elections have had a busy year. Additional election funds were budgeted in a restricted contingency account. These funds will be utilized to provide funding for the Board through the rest of the fiscal year.

Special Service District (SSD)

- At mid-year the SSD Fund had received revenue of \$15.9 million, 62% of budgeted amounts. Expenditures of \$13.5 million were recorded, 49% of budgeted amounts. Cash balances were positive.
- Within the Other Taxes category, the County received insurance premium taxes of \$3.4 million from the State of Georgia. The County also received \$499,774 from Penalties and Interest on delinquent taxes, which exceeded annual budget estimates by \$251,774.
- General property tax collections were \$9.7 million or 58.3% of budget estimates as second installment billings were collected, ahead of prior year amounts.
- Real and personal property refunds rose significantly from calendar 2009 levels. The Tax Commissioner's office has reported the following refund activity for the SSD Fund:
 - Real Property – 2010 refunds were \$156,316; 2009 refunds were \$55,805
 - Personal Property – 2010 refunds were \$782,615; 2009 refunds were \$45,330

- Revenue from Licenses and Permits were below budget since most are collected within the third quarter of the year.
- At mid-year, revenues collected by the MPC were almost double prior year amounts and were 38% of the line item’s budget. Correspondence is attached from the MPC Director outlining steps he is taking to contain expenditures. (Page 65).
- The favorable variance in the Charges for Services category resulted from collection of false alarm fees under the County’s new ordinance. At mid year the County had collected related fees of over \$40,000.
- Investment income in the fund trended low against the budget amount during the first six months of the year due to cash flow trends in the fund and low market investment rates.
- The expenditure variance in the Other Financing Uses category was caused by interfund transfers at the first of the year.

Multiple Grant Fund

- Grant drawdowns should eventually offset the difference between fund revenues and expenditures.

Update on Problems with Revenue Dependent Funds

Three funds rely on real property to fund their operations. They are the Land Bank Fund, the Land Disturbing Activities Ordinance (LDAO) Fund, and the Building Safety & Regulatory Services (BS&RS) Fund. The status of these funds at mid-year is:

- Land Bank Fund – This fund has shown no revenue through mid year. The fund entered the year with a \$59,000 deficit. The Assistant County Manager has received the Board approval for a new fund revenue source. He will charge a commission for property sales he negotiates and place the commission in this fund.
- LDAO Fund – The County Engineer is reviewing staffing costs for LDAO and will reassign staff to work on projects. This should reduce salary and benefit costs in the funds. It is estimated that after salary distribution reassignments, the fund will need \$15,000 in revenue to carry out the year.
- BS&RS Fund – Revenues for this fund have improved at mid-year. In addition, fee revisions are currently on the agenda as a first reading. It is anticipated that collection of at least one of the revised fees will be needed to break even in the fund for the year.

Solid Waste Management Fund

- Collections for the solid waste service fees were 89% of budget or \$879,462. Expenses were showing a favorable variance; however, the fund did have encumbrances/purchase orders outstanding of over \$460,000 which will bring expenses more in line with the budget.

Capital Projects Funds

- Project accounting schedules are shown herein for all of the County’s capital project funds, including the SPLOST funds.
- The County’s SPLOST collections are shown on page 60. Through December collections in the Sales Tax V Fund are \$120.1 million or \$19 million (13.7%) below initial budget estimates. Further modifications to project budget may be required for fiscal 2012.

Health Insurance Fund

- Medical costs are currently running close to budget. For the six month period, the County has spent \$10 million on retiree and employee health care claims and administrative costs.

FUNDING: N/A

POLICY ANALYSIS: Interim financial reports provide revenue and budgetary oversight by comparing actual receipts or expenditures against budgeted amounts.

ALTERNATIVES: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: For information only.

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3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF AWARD OF AN ANNUAL CONTRACT TO SOUTHSIDE FIRE/EMS AND SECURITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,167,900 TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR ZONES 3 AND 4.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, Item 3, Request Board approval of award of an annual contract to Southside Fire/EMS and Security in the amount of \$1,167,900 to provide emergency medical coverage for zones 3 and 4.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners –

Chairman Liakakis said, oh, wait a minute, did you want to ask something else, Dean?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes, sir, I – I – I just – if you would like to go ahead, go ahead, and then I’ll –

County Manager Abolt said, okay, I’ll be – be brief. Mr. Chairman, Dr. Thomas, Commissioner Stone, Gentlemen, this

is a subject that has evolved since the last time it was on your agenda in December. I -- I want to recognize three people in particular for making this happen in a way in which I feel it is workable for both the tax payer, and -- and most importantly, the citizens receiving the emergency service. But I want to recognize Chief Wesley Meadows, who is in the audience. I want to recognize Mr. Kaigler and Mr. Zach Shuman on the county side for excellent job in dealing with a very dynamic change in situation. We had bids, as you know, as a result of the bids in your last discussion, I asked and you gave your permission to -- to negotiate with the apparent low bidder to get the price at \$900,000. Shortly after that meeting in your direction, the second bidder, MedStar, went out of business, and as of the first of February, Chief Meadows and Southside are providing the service county wide. So the issue is how do we relate to the one provider, and I went to Chief Meadows, along with my staff and said it was my interest to give you as a Board an option in -- in the foreseeable future, if it is prudent, to get out of the ambulance subsidy business. Chief Meadows, who I have known for a number of years, he is not only a friend, but also an excellent manager, certainly he now understands what I am asking, namely that as a business, that we look at this one provider of ambulance service, and as -- as they understand more of the responsibilities they've assumed from MedStar, on the -- March of next year, March of 2012, Chief Meadows, if you agree with my recommendation, commits to providing what I would refer to as a phase out plan. So he'd have twelve months of experience. He would be able to come back and say okay it is fiscally prudent and from the standpoint of quality of service prudent to get the county out of the ambulance subsidy business. We initially budgeted \$900,000. I'm recommending the award be for the bid from Southside of 1 point -- \$1,167,900. It is a one year contract. We'd come back in a year from now and give your recommendation as to how much longer the county should remain in the subsidy business.

Chairman Liakakis said, Dean?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Will the standards or obligations for Southside when compared to the standards and obligations that Memorial Hospital had to comply with when they provided the EMS service, will they differ at all?

County Manager Abolt said, no, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Well I just want to state this for any of the citizens in the coverage areas that the standards will be the same.

County Manager Abolt said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, not to worry. There's been a lot of -- of rhetoric, if you will, possibly rumors that coverage will differ. Cover -- you know, it -- it's going to be different because it's a different company. To people that their jobs were affected by the change, I'm -- I'm truly sorry about that. But this was well stated to all bidders prior to bidding that I believe that the two areas that we're paying for coverage, that we're very fortunate that this body is gracious enough to provide the coverage. Because out of eight districts, basically two areas are getting the service. And I, for sure, thank this Board. When I was first elected, it was on the cutting block, and, you know, thank goodness the Board decided to keep it, and I just want the citizens to know out there, we're very fortunate to have this service. Because it's not something that the County is collecting extra monies from those areas for this service. It's -- it's the realization that this group does not want people dying because of lack of EMS coverage, and the standards have not been reduced one bit with what we're doing today. What's taking place here today is very simple. The same exact standards for about a million dollars less per year than what Memorial, which was providing that service, put in their bid to cover. So, again, sorry for any individuals, but as the people that actually's chartered to oversee your tax dollars, everyone out there, this is by far the right thing to do, is to change it to a provider that bid that doesn't -- has a good track record and, you know, get this service for a thousand -- I mean a million dollars less per year. So, I just want the cities out there on the westside and any on the islands areas to really realize. And the citizens who, some of you have probably been prompted to speak out a little bit, I want you to know the real deal, and the real deal is I know I warned everyone prior to this bid, bid low. You want it, bid low. You want to keep the contract or you -- you want the contract, bid low because we're fortunate that this Commission pays anything. So, rest assured, westside and islands area, this is a great move and the standards have not been reduced one bit. Southside will be held to the same standards, no ifs, ands, or buts about it. So, again, thank y'all for saving lives on the two service areas here. And that's it.

Chairman Liakakis said, Priscilla?

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I too just want to say that I had received several, several calls, as well as letters. I think the main concern was that many people just didn't understand all of the ramification that was entailed in the decision, and as you all are aware that years and years ago the reason why the EMS services were provided was because of some incidents that had happened during that time, especially with people who were indigent. And now that it has been cleared that services will not be delayed or denied, I'm fully aware and I -- I do understand and I think the persons that were concerned have been adequately addressed with this information, and I think they -- they're pretty much satisfied. The only thing I've heard is a couple of people that were talking, you know, about that they lost their jobs as a -- as a matter of this, and also or their pay was of such that they didn't feel was good. But as a whole, I think the majority of the people are now in tune with what we are about to embark upon today. And I want to thank the County Manager for responding to those citizens and making them aware of where we stood as a county.

Chairman Liakakis said, since this Commission has come on board, they have always looked out after the welfare of the people in the community. We don't want any of the citizens to think that this Board has not, from the first time they came on board in 2005, that they have done the things to make sure that our citizens have good services and also the protection of life and all, especially with EMS. We haven't changed that, not one iota since we've come on board. And, so, Chief Meadows, thank you very much because your particular department has really, you know, provided good services, and we're just going to ask a vote right now, you know on that. Would you like to say a word, but we're getting ready to vote.

Chief Wesley Meadows said, you – you – you can go ahead and vote. I'd like to say something after the vote, if you don't mind.

Chairman Liakakis said, well, you can say it now.

Chief Meadows said, Wesley Meadows, I'm the Chief General Manager of the Southside Fire Department and EMS. First of all, if anyone has any trouble with Southside Fire Department, not only you can call me personally, but you can call our office, 354-1011. We deliver a high level of service for everything that we do. We've got – and as people losing their jobs, I hated to see that, but we inter – everyone we interviewed, that come and interviewed was offered a position with our department. So we were able to bring 85 to 90 of the employees over with this operation.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so, can I ask you a question on that?

Chief Meadows said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so, y'all did not require that they be fire fighters to have a job or work –

Chief Meadows said, to work with us, you have one year to be a fire fighter. You have to do that to work with Southside Fire Department.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

Chief Meadows said, and we have – we've gone on the table with them and everyone else that we will work with them to get that process through. Everyone that comes on board does realize that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, everyone that interviewed –

Chief Meadows said, that was – that was not even –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, – you say was offered a job?

Chief Meadows said, – that was not much a question during the interviews. I interviewed each one personally at – at my office and talked with each one personally that come on board.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, every person was offered a job, did you say that?

Chief Meadows said, everyone that come – that come in for the interviews did. Now some of them didn't come for interviews, but those that came in was offered a position.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

Commissioner Thomas said, very good.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right, Patrick?

Commissioner Farrell said, I'd like to make a motion to approve the contract.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, all in favor, let's go on the Board. Motion passes. Thank you, Wesley.

Chief Meadows said, thank you, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve the award of an annual contract to Southside Fire/EMS and Security in the amount of \$1,167,900 to provide Emergency Medical Coverage for zones 3 and 4. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3
AGENDA DATE: February 11, 2011

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Michael A. Kaigler, Assistant County Manager/Director Human Resources and Services

ISSUE:

Request Board approval of award of an annual contract to Southside Fire/EMS and Security in the amount of \$1,167,900 to provide Emergency Medical Coverage for zones 3 & 4.

BACKGROUND:

On December 17, 2010, Board meeting, staff presented three options to provide Emergency Medical Coverage in zones 3 & 4 of Chatham County (see attached staff report; attachment I). The Board approved option 3 which authorized staff to negotiate with Southside Fire/EMS and Security to determine a level of service that can be provided with the current budget of \$900,000, and if unsuccessful in that negotiation, seek negotiations with MedStar One for the same current \$900,000 fee. This report provides the results of those negotiations and makes a recommendation to the Board.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. At the time the RFP was released and proposals received, there were 2 entities providing Emergency Medical Services for the residences of Chatham County, which were MedStar One and Southside Fire/EMS and Security. After the responses to the RFP were received by County staff and a recommendation was submitted to the Board, Memorial Health, which operated MedStar One, announced that it would no longer be providing Emergency Medical Services and would be contracting with Southside Fire/EMS and Security to cover zone 1. This essentially left only Southside Fire/EMS and Security as the single provider for Emergency Medical Services countywide.
2. County staff met with Southside Fire/EMS and Security to determine the level of service that could be provided for the \$900,000 subsidy. Based on their analysis, Southside Fire/EMS and Security determined that in order to cover Emergency Medical Services for zones 3 & 4 and meet the response requirements of 12 minutes, with a reliability factor of no less than 90% as required by the standards, they would have to eliminate one ambulance. The obvious choice would be to eliminate the ambulance at Tybee Island. While this would have the least impact to zones 3 & 4, this would jeopardize the Chatham County Zones because it would no longer be possible to meet zoning response time requirements. This would make the response time to Tybee Island around 18 minutes or more, when one ambulance remaining in zone 3 was engaged on another 911 request. The impact would clearly be a reduction in service to the citizens in that area.
3. Due to the fact that Southside Fire/EMS and Security would be the sole provider of EMS services in Chatham County, staff explored the possibility of eliminating the subsidy by virtue of Southside having control of the service countywide. County staff made a proposal to Southside that entailed providing the subsidy at the original amount as quoted in their response to the RFP, in return for providing a plan which would eliminate or substantially reduce the subsidy in 2 to 3 years. Southside was unable to provide a definitive response as to when they would be able to provide the service to zones 3 & 4 without the subsidy, due to their lack of data for the zone currently serviced by MedStar One.
4. The staff at Southside Fire/EMS and Security indicated that they would be able to provide a feasibility study to the County by March 2012, which would allow them time to gather the necessary data in order to provide us a plan to reduce or eliminate the EMS subsidy (see attached letter from Chief Meadows; attachment II). Staff is recommending that the Board award the contract to Southside Fire/EMS and Security for the amount of \$1,167,900 and allow them to provide us with a plan to eliminate the subsidy.
5. There was some discussion by members of the Board that would suggest that they would be amendable to allowing the use of SPLOST funds to help offset the difference between the amount the County had budgeted and what Southside Fire/EMS requested in fees to provide EMS coverage. In reviewing this option, there was only a limited amount of money in the current SPLOST that could be used for emergency and firefighting equipment. Based on information received from the County Attorney's office, any equipment purchased using SPLOST funds would have to be purchased in the County's name and could not be transferred to a non-governmental entity.

FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$900,000 is budgeted in the General Fund/M&O-Emergency Medical Services (1003600-52.39001). If the Board approves the 1 year contract for \$1,167,900 the Board would need to approve a contingency plan of \$111,625 for the balance of the fiscal year.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award an annual contract to Southside Fire/EMS & Security in the amount of \$1,167,900 and authorize staff to work with Southside Fire/EMS to develop a transition plan to eliminate the EMS subsidy. This plan would be presented to the Board prior to entering into an agreement to extend the contract in to the 2nd and 3rd year.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: Emergency Medical Services coverage in Chatham County is divided by zones as per agreement with the providers that cover Chatham County. This system was established to provide an effective and efficient method to provide Emergency Medical Services. Chatham County is not mandated to provide this service, and providing the subsidy is at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners.

RECOMMENDATION: Board approve Alternative 1.

ATTACHMENT I

AGENDA ITEM: IX-5

AGENDA DATE: December 17, 2010

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

Issue: Board consideration of an award of an annual contract to Southside Fire/EMS & Security in the amount of \$1,167,900, to provide Emergency Medical Services for zones 3 & 4.

Background: The County is responsible to provide Emergency Medical Services to Zone 3 & 4 of its unincorporated areas. These zones have a population of approximately 55,000 potential clients. On 16 December 2005, the Board awarded an annual contract with MedStar One, Inc., and that contract will expire on 31 December 2010.

1. Staff issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) which was mailed and publically advertised. A mandatory pre-proposal conference was scheduled.
2. Two (2) local firms responded to the RFP. They were Southside Fire/EMS & Security and MedStar One. Both proposals were reviewed by an evaluation committee consisting of the Chatham County EMS Coordinator, Public Health Liaison, 911 Communications Center Coordinator, Assistant Director for CEMA, and the Savannah Fire and Emergency Services Battalion Chief. The technical proposals and fees from the two (2) firms were scored and ranked accordingly. Total points awarded are as follows:

	Southside/Fire EMS & Security	MedStar One
Technical Proposal	144.40	146.00
Fees	35.00	8.40
Total	179.40	154.50

3. In the RFP, the County requested fees to provide coverage in zone 3 only, zone 4, only and for both zones. MedStar One chose only to provide pricing for zones 3 & 4 combined.

The following provides a cost comparison for both MedStar and Southside for both zones 3 & 4.

	Southside/Fire EMS & Security	MedStar One
Year One	\$1,167,900.00	\$2,050,000.00
Year Two	\$1,167,900.00	\$2,091,000.00
Year Three	\$1,167,900.00	\$2,132,820.00
Year Four	\$1,167,900.00	\$2,175,476.00
Year Five	\$1,167,900.00	\$2,218,985.00

4. The County currently budgets \$900,000 as a subsidy for Emergency Medical Service coverage in zones 3 & 4. Based on the fees received, the County has three options:

- **Option one:**
Award an annual contract to Southside Fire/EMS & Security to provide emergency medical services for zones 3 & 4. The evaluation committee, after reviewing the technical information provided felt that both firms were capable of providing the requested services. Based on this the committee recommends the award of the contract to Southside Fire/EMS & Security who offers the best combination of services and fees. This would require additional funding in the amount of \$133,500 for the balance of the fiscal year.
- **Option two:**
The County is not mandated by law to provide this service and it is possible to discontinue the subsidy. The County would then be required to surrender its license to provide Emergency Medical Services. The decision as to how services would be provided and by whom would be determined by the State of Georgia. If the Board chooses this option, a 90 day transition period would be necessary to allow this process to be carried out. If the Board chooses not to continue to provide the subsidy, then the Region 9 Council would need to be notified so that the impact of this decision could be addressed.
- **Option three:**
Negotiate with the provider that quoted the lowest fee to determine what level of service they could provide, given the current \$900,000 budget. The current standards and service levels are mandated by the state. Any modification would have to be approved through the regional zoning process. If the Board chooses this option, negotiations would begin immediately to determine whether Southside Fire/EMS & Security would be willing to entertain such an arrangement. If such an arrangement cannot be made, staff would then seek a similar arrangement with MedStar One.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O – Emergency Medical Services
(1003600 - 52.39001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award an annual contract to Southside Fire/EMS & Security in the amount of \$1,167,900 with automatic renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to provide emergency medical support services to Chatham County. Also request Board approval of a contract extension on a month-to-month basis, not to exceed 90 days, to allow for a successful contract transition.
2. Discontinue the subsidy for Emergency Medical Services. Also request Board approval of a contract extension on a month-to-month basis, not to exceed 90 days, to allow for a successful transition.
3. Direct staff to negotiate with Southside Fire/EMS & Security as the lowest bidder to determine the levels of service that can be provided at our current budget of \$900,000 and if unsuccessful in that negotiation to seek negotiations with MedStar One for the same current \$900,000 fee. Also request Board approval of a contract extension on a month-to-month basis, not to exceed 90 days, to allow for a successful contract transition.

POLICY ANALYSIS: Emergency Medical Services coverage in Chatham County is divided by zones as per agreement with the providers that cover Chatham County. This system was established to provide an effective and efficient method to provide Emergency Medical Services. Chatham County is not mandated to provide this service and providing the subsidy is at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners.

RECOMMENDATION: Board Consideration.

ATTACHMENT II

SSFD

SOUTHSIDE FIRE/EMS

POST OFFICE BOX 13250
SAVANNAH, GA 31416-0250

FIRE PHONE: 355-6688
SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITIES FIRE PROTECTION, INC. BUSINESS PHONE: 355-1011

February 7, 2011

R.E. Abolt
Chatham County Courthouse
124 Bull Street
P. O. Box 1861
Savannah, Georgia 31412

Dear Russ:

This letter is to memorialize our commitment to conduct a "Feasibility Study" to determine if or to what degree we can move to eliminate or reduce the financial subsidy for Chatham County EMS Zones 3 and 4. As you know, we have acquired MedStar/TransportOne, and between that and the County Zones 3 and 4, this "Feasibility Study" will require ample time to determine what can be accomplished. It is my commitment to provide the results of this study to you by March, 2012.

I look forward to working with Chatham County to strengthen our emergency response system within our system.

Sincerely,

Wesley A. Meadows
Chief/General Manager

WAM:tlg

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4. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF A WATER AND SEWER BILLING ADJUSTMENT OF \$140.40 FOR MS. HELEN BEASLEY, 32 TARA COURT. STAFF RECOMMENDS DENIAL OF THE ADJUSTMENT.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, Item 4, the consideration of water and sewer billing. The –

Commissioner Stone said, it's been removed.

Chairman Liakakis said, – the lady, Ms. Beasley, has asked to postpone that at this particular time. So we need a motion on the floor to postpone it to the next meeting.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right, let's go on the board. Clear the board, please. Let's go on the board. James? Okay. Thank you, it was, you know, I wasn't talking to you. Okay. Motion approved. It was for Patrick, and I called you, James.

Commissioner Shay said, you talking to me?

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah, I called you James, there.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to postpone this item, Board consideration of a water and sewer billing adjustment of \$140.40 for Ms. Helen Beasley, 32 Tara Court. Commissioner Farrell seconded and it carried unanimously.

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5. BOARD CONSIDERATION ON WHETHER CHATHAM COUNTY SHOULD ASSUME THE ROLE OF PROJECT DEVELOPER AND GUARANTOR OF A \$150 MILLION PROJECT TO INDUCE INCREASED CONVENTION BUSINESS THROUGH DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A TRADE CENTER CONVENTION HOTEL. (SEE SEPARATE NOTEBOOK. CURRENTLY AWAITING OPINION FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY.)

Chairman Liakakis said, all right, Item 5, Board consideration on whether Chatham County should assume the role of project developer and guarantor of a \$150 million project to induce increased convention business through design and construction of a Trade Center convention hotel. Now it has been requested, and we sent the information out to everybody that that will, you know, be brought up – and we need a motion on the floor to –

Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Odell said, to table?

Commissioner Stone said, to table.

Chairman Liakakis said, to table to the next meeting.

Commissioner Odell said, second Helen's motion.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to table item 5, Board consideration on whether Chatham County should assume the role of project developer and guarantor of a \$150 million project to induce increased convention business through design and construction of a Trade Center convention hotel. Commissioner Odell seconded and it carried unanimously.

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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 Items 1 through 8 and under 8, we have Items A through S. Any one you'd like to hold out? If not, need a motion on the floor to approve all items.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I – I would like to hold out a couple things. Item 9B and 9S.

Chairman Liakakis said, wait a minute. E?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, B as in boy.

Chairman Liakakis said, uh-huh.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and S as in Sally.

Chairman Liakakis said, B and S. All right, need a motion on the floor to approve all items under 1 through A – 1 through 8 and items A through S, holding back B and S.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, actually, we can vote on B now also. I answered my own question on that earlier, so.

Chairman Liakakis said, you got that?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah. Just S.

Chairman Liakakis said, so it will be – we need an approval for all items except A-S.

Commissioner Thomas said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

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

Commissioner Shay said, I was worried we were going to be considering B-S there if we weren't careful.

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I think we do that quite a bit, don't we?

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved for approval of the Action Calendar with the exception of Item 9S. Commissioner Stone seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

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1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2010, AS MAILED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 14, 2010, as mailed. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. **CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 6, 2011 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2, 2011.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period January 6, 2010, through February 2, 2011, in the amount of \$14,971,782. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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3. **REPORT FROM LEE HUGHES, LEGISLATIVE LIAISON.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to receive the report from Lee Hughes, Legislative Liaison. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-3
AGENDA DATE: February 11, 2011

Frances Rasmussen

From: Lee Hughes 9lee@hughespublicaffairs.com
Sent: Sunday, January 30, 2011 6:15 PM
To: Michael Kaigler
Cc: Russ Abolt; Pat Monahan; Frances Rasmussen
Subject: January 30, 2011 report from Legislative Liaison

By copy of this email I am requesting that Frances Rasmussen include this report in the next packet that goes out to the Commissioners.

As you recall, the Georgia General Assembly created a Special Council on Tax Reform and Fairness that met through the year in 2010. That Council made recommendations to the Georgia General Assembly, but they

neglected to make a recommendation about the franchise fee problem that we are seeking to correct. That omission is going to make it very difficult to get the legislature to act on our concerns. Legislation incorporating the recommendations of the Special Council on Tax Reform and Fairness has not yet been introduced, but the special joint House/Senate Committee that will consider the measure is in place. While the content of the bill as introduced is expected to largely track the recommendations of the Council, the joint committee may amend the legislation before it goes to the General Assembly for an up-or-down vote. Members of the joint committee include Representative Bob Bryant of Chatham County. Here is a complete list:

- Senator Bill Heath, co-chair – Chairman of Senate Finance Committee
- Rep. Mickey Channell, co-chair – Chairman of House Ways & Means
- Senator Tommie Williams – President Pro Tempore of the Senate
- Rep. Jan Jones – Speaker Pro Tempore of the House
- Senator Chip Rogers – Majority Leader of the Senate
- Rep. Larry O’Neal – Majority Leader of the House
- Senator Robert Brown – Minority Leader of the Senate
- Rep. Stacey Abrams – Minority Leader of the House
- Senator Bill Cowser, appointed by Lt. Governor Casey Cagle
- Senator Steve Thompson, appointed by Lt. Governor Casey Cagle
- Rep. Allen Peake, appointed by House Speaker David Ralston
- **Rep. Bob Bryant, appointed by House Speaker David Ralston**

Indications are that the Council’s proposals are viewed as a whole as a tax increase by many legislators, and thus the prospect of an omnibus tax reform bill is now in doubt. Stand-alone bills on various tax issues are beginning to show up, including one seeking to change the freeport exemption law. That bill is House Bill 48 and I am asking Linda Cramer to let me know what impact it would have on the County if it were to pass in it’s current form.

The General Assembly has completed six legislative days of the 40-day session. The House will reconvene at 1:30 PM on Monday, January 31 and the Senate at 1:00 PM and they will be in session Monday thru Thursday of next week.

I appreciate the participation in the Chatham Day at the Capitol meetings with legislators, by Chairman Liakakis, Commissioners Kicklighter, Farrell, Stone, Holmes, Shay and Thomas as well as County Manager Abolt and Assistant County Manager Kaigler and County Attorney Hart.

Lee Hughes
9112-658-8790

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4. REQUEST BOARD CONFIRM APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR CHATHAM COUNTY’S APPLICATION FOR A COASTAL INCENTIVE GRANT FOR A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT TO IMPROVE STORMWATER RUNOFF.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved for approval of a resolution of support for Chatham County’s application for a Coastal Incentive Grant for a demonstration project to improve stormwater runoff. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-4
AGENDA DATE: February 14, 2011

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

ISSUE:
To confirm approval of a resolution of support for Chatham County’s application for a Coastal Incentive Grant for a demonstration project to improve stormwater runoff.

BACKGROUND:
Chatham County is applying for a Georgia Department of Natural Resources’ Coastal Incentive Grant for funding for a demonstration project to improve stormwater runoff at the Whitemarsh Plaza in unincorporated Chatham County. The grant project is entitled *Transformative Environmental Retrofits: Whitemarsh Plaza Eco-Demonstration Project*.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:
1. As a part of the grant application, Chatham County must adopt by resolution its support for the grant. Chairman Pete Liakakis signed a resolution in January to meet the deadline.

- 2. Neither the resolution nor the grant application will require Chatham County funding. The project recipient will be funding the required match.
- 3. Chatham County has considered the need to manage to the concentration of pollutants and nutrients into the County's waterbodies. The grant would fund implementation of improvements to treat the quantity and quality of water leaving Whitemarsh Plaza and draining to Richardson Creek and turn this area into an eco demonstration site.

FUNDING:

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. That the Board confirm the resolution of support for Chatham County's application for a Coastal Incentive Grant for an eco demonstration site for improving stormwater runoff.
- 2. That the Board take other action, as appropriate.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The proposed grant as a demonstration project remains consistent with the recommendation in "Greenest County Plan."

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

District 4



RESOLUTION OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN
 SUPPORT OF COASTAL INCENTIVE GRANT FOR TRANSFORMATIVE
 ENVIRONMENTAL RETROFITS FOR A SUBURBAN ICON: WHITEMARSH PLAZA
 ECO-DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, Chatham County has considered the need to manage to the concentration of pollutants and nutrients into the County's receiving waters, and

WHEREAS, Whitemarsh Plaza is located at the intersection of Highway 80 and Islands Expressway ultimately drains to Richardson Creek which is a tributary to Turner's Creek and the Wilmington River, and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington River is currently on the State of Georgia's 305(b)/303(d) list and being reviewed for Dissolved Oxygen levels, and

WHEREAS, Chatham County is desirous of obtaining a Georgia Department of Natural Resources Coastal Incentive Grant for the design for improvements to treat the quantity and quality of water leaving Whitemarsh Plaza and turn this area into an eco-demonstration site.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County,

does hereby endorse an application for grant assistance through the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Coastal Resources Division.

Adopted, the 12th day of January, 2011.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHATHAM COUNTY

Pete Liakakis, Chairman

Attest: _____
Interim County Clerk

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**5. REQUEST BOARD CONFIRM THE PURCHASE OF A NINE-ACRE PROPERTY AT 4020 OGEECHEE ROAD (FORMER SITE OF 84 LUMBER) FOR A NEW FLEET OPERATIONS CENTER.
[DISTRICT 8.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved for approval to Request Board confirm the purchase of a nine-acre property at 4020 Ogeechee Road (former site of 84 Lumber) for a new Fleet Operations Center. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-5
AGENDA DATE: February 11, 2011

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

ISSUE:

To confirm the purchase of a nine-acre property at 4020 Ogeechee Road (form site of 84 Lumber) for a new Fleet Operations Center.

BACKGROUND:

During the October 22, 2010 meeting, the Board authorized a Purchase Agreement to acquire a nine-acre property on Ogeechee Road, the former site of 84 Lumber, for a new Fleet Operations Center. Fleet Operations will need to move from its current location at the Public Works Complex at 7115 Sallie Mood Drive as part of the FEMA Flood Mitigation project which will clear all structures within the flood-prone area. While initial plans called for Fleet Services to relocate near the planned Public Works site near Memorial Stadium, not enough land remains available whether publicly owned or privately owned. Staff identified the former 84 Lumber on Ogeechee Road as a potential site because of its size, availability, location (near the Sheriff's Complex and West Chatham Precinct), existing buildings and elevation (outside of flood zone during Category 5 hurricane).

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The subject parcel totals 9.26 acres with an existing 20,458 square foot building (8,000 SF heated and cooled), 20,000 square foot storage building, 8,400 square foot storage shed and 7,200 square foot storage shed.
 - 1.1 Preliminary review of the buildings indicate they would be more than suitable as existing structures for renovation for the intended purpose. The improved building includes 8,000 SF of cooled and heated space to serve as offices while the balance of the building could be retrofitted for a garage. The other storage buildings would complement needs, and more than ample paved area reserved for storm-readiness and future needs.
 - 1.2 The proposed use would provide 2 ½ times more square footage in building area than Fleet Services now uses and 3 times more land area.
2. Chatham County acquired the property for \$1,350,000 plus closing costs, for a net payment of \$1,398,689. As a measure of this value:
 - 2.1 \$2,200,000 Seller's initial asking price
 - 2.2 \$1,809,500 Assessor's Office value
3. Besides acquisition of the property, funding will also be needed for a full adaptive use, which will include improvements to the main building, ingress and egress, conversion from septic tank to sewer, and fuel pumps. An addition will be made to the main garage area to provide ceiling height and lift capacity for larger trucks, such as dump trucks.
4. The main disadvantage will be the distance between Public Works and Parks Services' new location near Memorial Stadium and the new Fleet Services Center. The Public Works fleet remains the Fleet Service Center's largest customer and more complex because of the size and weight of its equipment. It will require more transport on low boys. However, the location would place the new Fleet Services Center in closer proximity to the Sheriff's Office complex and the West Chatham Police Precinct. This would add a fueling site along the US 17/Ogeechee Road corridor.
5. At elevation 33 feet, the property remains well above any storm surge for a Category 5 hurricane.

FUNDING:

CIP (Fleet Services)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board confirm the purchase of the 9.2-acre parcel, formerly 84 Lumber, known as "Parcel 5 Recombination of Part of the S.E. Shuman Property, Formerly Part of the Hendrix Machinery Tract," also known as PIN 2-0792-01-019 at 4020 Ogeechee Road in the amount of \$1,350,000 plus closing costs of \$48,689.

2. That the Board take other action, as appropriate.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Georgia law provides the Board of Commissioners with the powers to acquire and own property for purposes consistent with its legislative authority.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Alternative 1.

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6. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A QUITCLAIM DEED TO TRANSFER TO THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PARCELS OF FEE RIGHT OF WAY, EASEMENTS AND ACCESS RIGHTS ACQUIRED BY THE COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT STEPHENSON AVENUE. [DISTRICT 1.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve a Quitclaim Deed to transfer to the Georgia Department of Transportation parcels of fee right of way, easements and access rights acquired by the County to construct Stephenson Avenue. Commissioner Stone seconded and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-6
AGENDA DATE: February 11, 2011

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

ISSUE: To approve a Quitclaim Deed to transfer to the Georgia Department of Transportation parcels of fee right of way, easements and access rights acquired by the County to construct Stephenson Avenue.

BACKGROUND: Stephenson Avenue was constructed as part of the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Program (SPLOST). The construction is complete.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. While Stephenson Avenue is within the city limits of the City of Savannah, the widening project required improvements within the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) right of way on State Route 204 (Abercorn Street).
- 2. The County and the GDOT managed the construction project. Properties, rights of way and easements needed to construct the project were acquired in the name of the County.
- 3. Although the GDOT has been maintaining the improvements within the State right of way since completion, the roadway remains in the name of the County.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. That the Board approve the Quitclaim Deed.
- 2. To not approve the Quitclaim Deed.

FUNDING: No funds are required.

POLICY ANALYSIS: That the Board must approve quitclaims of property.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve Alternative 1.

District 1.

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7. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A RESOLUTION AND QUITCLAIM DEED TO TRANSFER TO THE CITY OF SAVANNAH PARCELS OF FEE RIGHT OF WAY, EASEMENTS AND ACCESS RIGHTS ACQUIRED BY CHATHAM COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT STEPHENSON AVENUE. [DISTRICT 1.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved for Board approval of a resolution and quitclaim deed to transfer to the City of Savannah parcels of fee right of way, easements and access rights acquired by Chatham County to construct Stephenson Avenue. Commissioner Stone seconded and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-7

AGENDA DATE: February 11, 2011

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

ISSUE: To approve a Resolution and Quitclaim Deed to transfer to the City of Savannah parcels of fee right of way, easements and access rights acquired by the County to construct Stephenson Avenue.

BACKGROUND: Stephenson Avenue was constructed as part of the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Program (SPLOST). The construction is complete.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Stephenson Avenue is within the city limits of the City of Savannah.
2. The Georgia Department of Transportation managed the construction project. Properties, rights of way and easements needed to construct the project were acquired in the name of the County.
3. Although the City has been maintaining the improvements since completion, the roadway remains in the name of the County.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the Resolution and Quitclaim Deed.
2. To not approve the Resolution and Quitclaim Deed, thereby retaining the right-of-way and maintenance responsibilities.

FUNDING: No funds are required.

POLICY ANALYSIS: That the Board must approve quitclaims of property.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve Alternative 1.

District 1.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Chatham County improved certain rights-of-way for the purpose of constructing Stephenson Avenue within the city limits of the City of Savannah and,

WHEREAS, Chatham County acquired the appropriate rights-of-way for the construction of said new streets and roads within the city limits of the City of Savannah and,

WHEREAS, Chatham County desires to transfer to the City of Savannah the rights-of-way and such improvements to the City of Savannah and,

WHEREAS, City of Savannah wishes to accept the rights-of-way for said streets or roads that are within the city limits of the City of Savannah,

WHEREAS, the road was designed in accordance with AASHTO design requirements including "A Policy on Geometric Design of Streets and Highways",

WHEREAS, the City of Savannah agrees that future modifications, improvements and additions to the roadway will be done in accordance with those requirements,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Chatham County does hereby grant, convey, and transfer to the City of Savannah, **All those certain parcels of land within the required right-of-way limits of those streets and road improvements described on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part thereof** to the City of Savannah.

This 11th day of February, 2011.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHATHAM COUNTY

WITNESS

BY _____

NOTARY PUBLIC

Attest _____
Clerk

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED

This ____ day of _____, 2011.

The Mayor and Councilmen of the
CITY OF Savannah, GEORGIA

BY _____
Mayor

Attest _____
Clerk of Council

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8. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL FOR THE CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE ON AMENDMENT #441-93-1135009-01 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2011 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY DRUG COURT AND THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the Chairman's signature on amendment #441-93-1135009-01 to the Fiscal Year 2011 contract between the Savannah-Chatham County Drug Court and the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. Commissioner Stone seconded and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-8
AGENDA DATE: February 11, 2011

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THRU: R. E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER
FROM: DANNY DELOACH, INTERIM SUPERIOR COURT ADMINISTRATOR

ISSUE:

To request Board approval for the Chairman's signature on amendment #441-93-1135009-01 to the Fiscal Year 2011 contract between the Savannah-Chatham County Drug Court and the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities ("DBHDD").

BACKGROUND:

The Savannah-Chatham County Drug Court contracts yearly with the DBHDD to receive grant funding. The FY 2011 contract (contract number 441-93-1135009-00, signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Board on June 28, 2010), provides funding in the amount of \$194,750.00 for substance abuse treatment for Drug Court clients.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. On January 7, 2011, the DBHDD notified the Drug Court of the amendment to the FY 2011 contract.
2. As per the DBHDD, the stated purpose of the contract amendment is "to amend encounter submission requirements and improve quality management initiatives." The contract amendment will require Recovery Place, Drug Court's contract substance abuse treatment provider, to submit required information to the DBHDD about the grant-funded services they provide to Drug Court clients.
3. No additional reporting requirements will be imposed on the county, and no county funds are required in association with this contract or with the contract amendment.

FUNDING:

Drug Court Grant – DBHDD FY 2011

Fund/Dept No. 2502100
Revenue Account 33.41203

Revenue Code GTDBHD11
Project No. 25020230

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approves Chairman’s signature of contract amendment.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

It has been consistent with Board policy to sign contracts for Drug Court to receive grant funding to defray the cost of operating expenses and necessary services, and to amend these contracts as needed or required by the grantor to ensure uninterrupted receipt of grant funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept Alternative 1.

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DBHDD Region – 5
Amendment #1

CONTRACT AMENDMENT

The contract identified below is amended as indicated within the contract amendment. The effective date of this amendment is January 1, 2011. All other provisions of the contract remain unchanged.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:

DBHDD Contract #: 441-93-1135009 Amendment #: 01

Amendment Fiscal Summary:

Fiscal Summary (Net \$ effect of this change):

Total Obligation: \$0.00
Total Deobligation: \$0.00

Federal: \$0.00
State: \$0.00

CFDA:

SECTION I:

PARA #101 CONTRACT BETWEEN: (101) 5/11/04

This contract is made and entered into by and between the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (responsibilities and obligations pursuant to this contract will be performed by the Department Identified above and by the sub-unit and individuals identified in Paragraph #103 of the contract), an agency of the State of Georgia legally empowered to contract pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Section 37-1-20, and as otherwise Identified in Section II of this contract (if applicable), and hereinafter referred to as DBHDD or the DEPARTMENT:

AND

Chatham County Board of Commissioners
133 Montgomery Street, Suite 616
Savannah, GA 31401-3245

legally empowered to contract pursuant to the laws of Georgia, and hereinafter referred to as the CONTRACTOR.

This contract is deemed to be made under and shall be construed and enforced in every respect according to the laws of the State of Georgia. Any lawsuit or other action based on a claim arising from this Contract shall be brought in a court or other forum of competent jurisdiction within Fulton County, State of Georgia.

It is the policy of the State of Georgia that minority business enterprises shall have the maximum opportunity to participate in the State purchasing and contracting process. Therefore, the State of Georgia encourages all minority business enterprises to compete for contracts for goods, services, and construction. Also, the State encourages all companies to sub-contract portions of any State contract to minority business enterprises. Contractors who utilize qualified minority subcontractors may qualify for a Georgia state income tax deduction for qualified payments made to minority subcontractors. See O.C.G.A. Section 48-7-38.

Nothing contained in this contract shall be construed to constitute the Contractor or any of its employees, agents, or sub-contractors as a partner, employee, or agent of the Department, nor shall either party to this contract have any authority to bind the other in any respect, it being intended that each shall remain an independent contractor.

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DBHDD Contract Paragraph #204, Section II

As Reads

PARA #204 QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND REVIEWS: (204) 6/13/07

- A. The Contractor agrees to keep on file to be reviewed upon audit or upon the request of the Department, the current Quality Improvement (QI) Program Plan and QI policy of the Contractor and other supporting documentation as necessary. Such program must address methods to conduct and incorporate the results of assessment of quality of services delivered, outcome-based evaluation and satisfaction with services by the individuals served.
- B. The Contractor agrees to follow the provisions of the department’s quality assurance plan found in the Provider Manual.

Is Amended to Read

PARAGRAPH #204 QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND REVIEWS: (204) 6/13/07

- A. The Contractor agrees to follow the provisions of the Department’s Quality Improvement Processes standards found in the Provider Manual (Part II, Section I, subparagraph H). The Contractor agrees to keep on file to be reviewed upon audit or upon the request of the Department, the current Quality Improvement (QI) Program Plan and QI policy of the Contractor and other supporting documentation as necessary. Such program must address methods to conduct and incorporate the results of assessment of quality of services delivered, outcome-based evaluation and satisfaction with services by the individuals served.
- B. The Contractor agrees to participate in the Department’s quality management programs and processes which may be modified during the course of the contract period. Participation includes, but not limited to, providing key-indicator performance data and facilitating Department access to individuals served, program staff, treatment records, and-incident/injury data.

DBHDD Contract Paragraph #401, Section IV, subparagraph (E):

As Reads

- E. Provider Manual for Community Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Addictive Diseases providers: May be updated routinely in order to comply with Federal, State, and Department requirements. Contractor will be provided 30 days notice prior to implementation of changes to the Provider Manual. Contractor will be required to return to the Department verification of receipt of all Provider Manual updates within 30 days. Contractor is required to perform this contract under the guidelines established in the most recent version of the Provider Manual, (Available on the DBHDD’s website, <http://dbhdd.georgia.gov/portal/site> “Provider Information”)

Is Amended to Read

- E. Provider Manual for Community Mental Health Developmental Disabilities and Addictive Diseases Providers: Updated on a quarterly basis and more frequently as required in order to comply with Federal and, State laws and regulations, and Department requirements. Quarterly updates will be effective at least 30 days after posting. Notice to Contractor of all other changes and effective dates will be sent by the Department via email. Contractor will be responsible for quarterly updates by accessing the Provider Manual, on DBHDD’s website, <http://dbhdd.georgia.gov>.

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DBHDD Region – 5
Amendment #1

SIGNATURES FOR CONTRACT BETWEEN

DBHDD Region - 5
AND
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

CONTRACT WITH COUNTIES:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto affixed signatures the day and year first above written.

I, the undersigned commissioner of Chatham County, certify that this contract is entered into Book No. _____, of the official minutes of the Commission of Chatham County.

CONTRACTOR EXECUTION:*

DEPARTMENT EXECUTION:

By: _____
Peter Liakakis
Chairperson, County Commission
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
By: _____
Charles Ringling
Regional Coordinator
DBHDD Region - 5

Date Signed: _____

Date Signed: _____

CONTRACTOR ATTESTED:**

By: _____
Frances Q. Rasmussen

Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Date Signed: _____

- * Must be Chairman or sole Commissioner
- ** Must be Clerk of Commission

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

As to items 9-A through 9-S except Item 9-S:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve Items 9-A through 9-S, with the exception of 9-S. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

As to Item 9-S:

Chairman Liakakis said, under Item A-S, go ahead, Dean.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Okay, annual pricing agreement for new model vehicles. I pulled this up in the Staff Report, here. Okay. It says that staff developed specifications into four proposals consisting of a 2011 Ford Fusion, a 2011 Ford Taurus, a Ford – 2012 Ford Focus, and a proposal for a 2011 Ford Crown Victoria. Bid was advertised and opened on February 2nd, 2011. At this point, I guess my question or – or – or concern would be knowing what we’re about to face as far as budget deficits coming up, I just want to bring it up and see what you think. Do – should we possibly start thinking a little differently with a lot – a lot of things and possibly consider the purchase of newer-type used vehicles because how badly a vehicle depreciates as soon as its driven off the lot. I know –

Assistant County Manager Michael Kaigler said, we – we have done that in the past, yes, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay, and I know you will do whatever instructed to do here, but that’s just – for this Board to – start thinking. I mean, in our personal lives we know at this point that, you know, a little bit of searching around, you can find a used vehicle that’s in good condition for a lot less money. You can find them still under warranty for that matter. Why would we not at this point when we’re facing the deficits we’re about to face not start doing more things on the government level that we would do to help our personal finances out. So, with that, you know, whatever y’all want to do –

County Manager Abolt said, a very, very, very timely recommendation. As – as you might remember staff has been doing that for a number of years. You’re not buying any vehicles now, you just got a bid price on them.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well, I mean, I know it’s accepting it, but it’s –

County Manager Abolt said, right. Okay. We understand, sir. And – and as referenced before when I put the hurt on – and I don’t mean to be folksy with it, but when I laid the 5% reduction on all departments, this is the type of stuff that will cost.

Chairman Liakakis said, Harris?

Commissioner Odell said, I – I – I in part agree with what fellow Commissioner Kicklighter said. Taking it a step further, I would like to see us at some point for every person who has a vehicle – county vehicle to annually determine the necessity of that person having a vehicle.

County Manager Abolt said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Odell said, and the failure to do that is – is, I think, negligent on our part in that if you come in one year and justify – if your position changes and a situation changes, and you still have a vehicle, the expense of that, to me is you’ve got only the maintenance, you got the capital outlay of purchasing the vehicle, then you got the maintenance, you got the gasoline. And, one thing that I’ve seen, and it’s not so much here is that some of our fellow police officers use police vehicles to work off-duty jobs. And I’m – I’m just wondering when they do that, do they use gasoline that they buy for their off-duty jobs? You know, the reason we started the vehicle thing was that at some point we felt that we could only pay a certain amount so a lot of people got vehicles, and there’s no rationale for them to have a vehicle.

County Manager Abolt said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Odell said, they should – they should have to pay for their own vehicle like everybody else.

County Manager Abolt said, if I may, annually this is reviewed and it has to be justified and a number of individuals have gone on car allowances. But each year Mr. Kaigler and Mr. Grant review that to ensure it's – it's – it's justified, and as we've always done, if you would like it again, we'll provide you the most recent remuneration of who has a vehicle.

Commissioner Odell said, what I – what I'd like beyond that is the standard for the justification –

County Manager Abolt said, sure.

Commissioner Odell said, – and to me the standard would be based upon a actual county need –

County Manager Abolt said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Odell said, – as opposed to –

County Manager Abolt said, we'll provide –

Commissioner Odell said, – an actual county we've done this for ten years.

County Manager Abolt said, yes, sir. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, Patrick?

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah, I'd like to voice my support for that concept that, you know, as each vehicle replacement nears – nears that time when a new vehicle is being considered that a thorough going over of that pos – of that use of that particular vehicle is – is looked at and justified because, you know, we – we own an enormous fleet of vehicles, and if we can find out that there's some jobs that may not necessarily need a – a company vehicle, county vehicle, that – that's going to save a lot of money over time. And you can take it one at a time. The other effect may be that somebody that will – will get a little more mileage out of that vehicle before they come up to go through the scrutiny that – that's going to come with this.

County Manager Abolt said, thank you for the suggestions.

Chairman Liakakis said, Harris?

Commissioner Odell said, having done that, if there are no further discussion, I'll make a motion to approve 9-S as recommended by our staff, and I sincerely believe we have the best staff in the State of Georgia.

Chairman Liakakis said, we go beyond that.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Commissioner Odell said, okay and South Carolina too.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, one question.

Commissioner Farrell said, don't forget Alabama.

Commissioner Odell said, and Alabama, of course.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, with – with that – with that motion, do – does this Board, this body, would you like before a brand new vehicle comes up here in the future, would you like someone to just sit down and punch up cars.com and put the same model in and just check and see what comes back under used? I mean, it – it – we live in a society of instant info. You can punch in a couple different websites, whatever – you can put the mileage you want, you can put 2011 whatever under 10,000 miles. Let's see what comes back. I mean – I'm not saying put that in your motion to make it, but can – can –

Commissioner Odell said, I'd like to –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, – shouldn't it be an expectation of ours for the staff at this point with the financial problems we will be facing, for them to thoroughly research all options before the highest payment option comes before us?

Chairman Liakakis said, well you can do that in a number of cases, but you got to realize this, that the – when we put out these bids especially for police cars, that, you know, what has happened in the past unfortunately we used some – there's a – a manufacturer – a dealership, well not the dealership but the manufacturing company had – had some particular police vehicles, and they were terrible as the chief can tell you in the back that they had a number of years ago. So when you bid these out, we've got the list of people that guarantee it, and what they do is they make sure that these new vehicles, you know, have that warranty on it, and if you purchase it like your stating, I mean, in some instances it will be good, but overall, we got to make sure that we've got a warranty so that we're not stuck with the money.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and – and I agree, and that’s why on the internet they have a button that you click that says still under warranty and the amount of miles, and you can even put a date that you want the vehicle to be no older than.

Commissioner Odell said, can we –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so, that’s true, and I understand about the police cars, but two of the cars on here is a Ford Fusion and a Ford Focus, which I’ve never seen one of those as a police car riding around.

Commissioner Odell said, they’re not going to.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, there’s – there’s options available for us to save money in the future and these options are much less hurtful I would think then cutting out some of the other things we’re going to be facing cutting. So, it’s a easy way to possibly save a couple dollars. And – and – that’s – that’s all I’m suggesting. So, I – Harris, call for the question.

Commissioner Odell said, no – no, I – I really don’t – I – I – I think this discussion is really good, and the reason is that I am a business person. If I don’t make money, I can’t spend money, and I could never tax for money. And I never had a guarantee. So, these kinds of concepts to me are things that I have to do in my business just to remain viable. I think for police vehicles, that’s an essential and that’s a separate category. That’s a separate category. We want to get a police vehicle – if they’re in route to something, we have to guarantee that the vehicle’s not going to interfere with that. However, we have a substantial a lot of vehicles on board that are not police vehicles, and the most urgent trip that they make is to pick up their own laundry. Now, we don’t need to be – and I – I don’t mean that that bad, Mr. Chairman, but we have a right to have our own opinion, that’s why we’re all not elected as one. We’re elected individually, not as – okay, this guy’s going to think for everybody, which he is not. My – my point is there are some positions that have vehicles that we could look at alternatives and not use the same standard for police vehicles. That is a business concept that any person who’s in business appreciates that concept. And I don’t – I don’t apologize for that and I – I appreciate what you said, Dean.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. I think –

Chairman Liakakis said, the question has been called. Let’s go on the Board.

Commissioner Odell said, who called the question?

Chairman Liakakis said, Dean did.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, no, I asked Harris to call for it.

Chairman Liakakis said, no, no, you did.

Commissioner Shay said, call for the question, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that’s good. That’s good.

Commissioner Farrell said, Harris, call for the question. That was a good call.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Harris, I believe we agreed on that.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Thomas moved to approve Items 9-A through 9-S, with the exception of 9-S. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- b. Commissioner Odell moved to approve Item 9-S, annual pricing agreement for new model year vehicles. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
A. Change Order No. 3 to the annual contract to provide oil and lubricants to the County and an increase due to manufacturer’s price increase	Fleet Operations	Stubbs Oil	Varies by item	General Fund/M & O - Fleet Operations Inventory Account

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
B. Annual price agreement to purchase on an "as needed funds available" basis, newest model year on trucks, vans and sport utility vehicles	Fleet Operations	J.C. Lewis Ford	Varies by purchase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •CIP - Vehicle Replacement •General Fund/M & O - Various •SSD - Various •SPLOST (2003-2008) - Vehicle Replacement •Water and Sewer •Solid Waste
C. Removal and upgrade of the audio system for State Court	State Court Clerk	Stage Front Presentation Systems	\$73,012	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Courthouse Construction
D. Construction contract for the landscaping improvements at the Judicial Courthouse	Special Projects	Pioneer Construction (MBE)	\$116,741	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Courthouse Construction
E. Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract for the expansion of the Tatemville Community Center to add three (3) construction alternatives	Building Safety and Regulatory Services	D.L. Moore Pinnacle, LLC	\$34,561	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Tatemville Community Center
F. Change Order No. 1 to the design contract for the expansion of the Tatemville Community Center for the application and permit fees	Building Safety and Regulatory Services	Barnard Architects	\$975	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Tatemville Community Center
G. Construction contract to install a traffic signal and turn lanes at the intersection of King George Blvd. And Grove Point Road	Engineering	Hoffman Electric Co., Inc.	\$293,849	SPLOST (2003-2008) - King George Blvd.
H. Change Order No. 2 to the contract for the resurfacing of the Julie-Backus Smith track for deductions and additions	Public Works and Park Services	A.D. Williams	(\$4,030)	CIP - Park Services
I. Task Order contract for various engineering, surveying and environmental services	Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Reynolds, Smith and Hill •ECS Southeast, LLC 	Not to Exceed \$250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SPLOST - (1985-1993), (1993-1998), (1998-2003), (2003-2008), (2008-2014) •CIP - Various

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
J. Contract to provide special inspections for the Tatemville Community Center expansion for compliance to the International Building Code	Building Safety and Regulatory Services	Whitaker Laboratory, Inc. (Sole Source)	Not to Exceed \$17,155	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Tatemville Community Center
K. One (1) field service vehicle	Sheriff	Liberty Cycle	\$13,100	General Fund/M & O - Sheriff
L. Professional services agreement to provide program management duties for Grant funding	Juvenile Court	Emily Hall	\$22.80 per hour	Judge Sanford Jones Memorial Grant under the 2009 Byrne JAG Grant Program
M. Professional services agreement to provide program management duties for Grant funding	Juvenile Court	Latrell Gulotta	\$20 per hour	Department of Justice - Office of Justice Programs grant
N. Change Order No. 1 to the annual agreement to provide preventative maintenance and repair services of the HVAC equipment for the Detention Center for additional equipment	Detention Center	Boaen Mechanical Service Company, Inc.	\$6,813	General Fund/M & O - Detention Center
O. Change Order No. 1 to the annual contract to provide inmate supplies to recognize a manufacture price increase	Detention Center	Tabb Textile Company	Varies by item	General Fund/M & O - Detention Center
P. Construction contract for re-striping of various roads in the unincorporated areas	Public Works and Park Services	Thompson Pavement Marking, Inc. (WBE)	\$47,457	SSD - Public Works (2704100 - 52.39001)
Q. Extend contract for the HVAC upgrades for the Administrative Legislative Center on a "month-to-month" basis until project completion	Special Projects	Boaen Mechanical Contractor, Inc.	No funding needed	No funding needed
R. Change Order No. 5 to the annual janitorial services contract to add the new Records Center location	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	R.I.T. Janitorial Services	\$12,180	General Fund/M & O - Administrative Services

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
S. Annual pricing agreement for new model year vehicles	Fleet Operations	J.C. Lewis Ford	Varies by purchase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •CIP - Vehicle Replacement •General Fund/M & O - Various •SSD - Various •SPLOST (2003-2008) - Vehicle Replacement •Water and Sewer •Solid Waste

AGENDA ITEM: X-9 A THRU S
AGENDA DATE: February 11, 2011

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THRU: R. E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER

**FROM: MICHAEL A. KAIGLER, ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER/
 DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND SERVICES**

SUBJECT: AWARD OF BIDS

ITEM A

ISSUE: Request Board approval of change Order No. 3, to the annual contract for oils and lubricants with Stubbs Oil, due to a manufacturer’s price increase effective 1 March 2011

BACKGROUND: On 4 December 2009, the Board approved an annual contract to provide oils and lubricants with Stubbs Oil.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. New prices for items to be purchased from Stubbs Oil Company for Chatham County Fleet Operations is as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Old Price</u>	<u>New Price</u>
Motor Oil (SE 15W40) (CJ-4)	Gallon	\$6.07	\$6.47
Motor Oil (ASC 5W-30)	Gallon	\$7.06	\$7.46
Motor Oil Supreme 5-20 (1/55)	Gallon	\$5.63	\$6.03
2-Cycle Oil (L2C)	Gallon	\$9.27	\$9.67
Gear Lubricant (SAE 85/W/140)	Drum	\$1.095	\$1.145
Hydraulic Oil (HD46)	Gallon	\$4.47	\$4.87
Heavy Duty Truck grease (LAPG)	Pound	\$1.475	\$1.575
Heavy Duty Truck grease (LHPG)	Tube	\$1.505	\$1.555
Auto Transmission Fluid (Dextron III)	Quart	\$7.01	\$7.41
Auto Transmission Fluid (Dextron V)	Quart	\$9.93	\$10.33
Anti Freeze & Coolant	Gallon	\$7.35	\$7.55

2. Staff believes the price increases to be fair.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O – Fleet Operations Inventory Account (100 – 11.36003)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of Change Order No. 3, to the annual contract for oils and lubricants with Stubbs Oil, due to a manufacturer’s price increase effective 1 March 2011.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve Change Orders essential service contracts to recognize manufacturer’s price increase.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval for Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
 RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval of an Annual Price Agreement to purchase on an “as needed funds available” basis, newest model year of various model trucks, vans, and sport utility vehicles for Fleet Operations from J.C. Lewis Ford of Savannah, GA.

BACKGROUND: Each year staff develops and solicits competitive bids for this annual requirement for the current model year.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Staff developed specifications into ten (10) Proposals consisting of Proposal No. 1: Ford F-150 XL; Proposal No. 2: Ford F-250 XL 2x4; Proposal No. 3: Ford Ranger XL; Proposal No. 4: SD Ford F-250 XL 4x4; Proposal No. 5: Ford E-250 Cargo Van 138" WB; Proposal No. 6: Transit Connect XL; Proposal No. 7: Transit Connect XLT; Proposal No. 8: SD Ford F-250 4x4 Supercab XL; Proposal No. 9: Ford Explorer FWD; Proposal No. 10: Ford Escape XLS, Auto, 14-FWD. Bids were publicly advertised and opened 26 January 2011.
2. Two (2) local bidders responded: J.C. Lewis Ford and Roberts Truck Center (See matrix on pages 23-24).
3. Staff believes prices are fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP – Vehicle Replacement
 General Fund/M&O – Various
 SSD – Various
 SPLOST (2003-2008) – Vehicle Replacement
 Water & Sewer
 Solid Waste
 Various funds

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of an Annual Price Agreement to purchase on an “as needed funds available” basis, newest model year of various model trucks, vans, and sport utility vehicles for Fleet Operations from J.C. Lewis Ford of Savannah, GA.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve annual price agreements for purchase of vehicles for using departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
 RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$73,012 cost for an Audio System removal and upgrade with an extended four (4) year warranty from Stage Front Presentation Systems for State Court.

BACKGROUND: The sound systems in Courtrooms G and H no longer work properly. The amps appear to be from the “nineteen eighties” and are not repairable. In recent months, several trials have been interrupted because the sound system stopped working. Additionally, the current sound system does not meet the needs of the hearing impaired.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Courthouse renovation plans include replacement of all courtroom sound and lighting systems.
2. Bids were publicly advertised and a mandatory pre-bid conference was conducted. There were four (4) vendors represented.
3. The only vendor to submit a bid was Stage Front Presentation Systems. The bid was opened 18 January 2011.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of the \$73,012 cost for an Audio System removal and upgrade with an extended four (4) year warranty from Stage Front Presentation Systems for State Court.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide up-to-date equipment that is essential to the daily operations of the using department.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
TOM DRANE

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award \$116,741 construction contract to Pioneer Construction, Inc., a MBE firm, for landscaping improvements at the Judicial Courthouse.

BACKGROUND: The renovation of the Courthouse includes landscape work to improve the grounds and appearance of the campus. The scope of work includes beautification through additional plantings as well as hardscape improvements.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Jan Vandenburg, part of the Courthouse architectural and engineering services team, designed a beautification project with landscaping as well as hardscape improvements, which are intended to improve the aesthetic appeal of the Courthouse campus. Remnants of construction from the tunnel, sallyport and basement have left the campus in aesthetic disarray.

2. This project was properly advertised and five (5) bids were received and opened on 11 January 2011. The bid responses are as follows:

*	Pioneer Construction Inc. Savannah, GA	\$116,741
	DLG Land Management Savannah, GA	\$123,748
	The Nelson Group Savannah, GA	\$138,278
	Harbor Construction & Contracting Savannah, GA	\$148,800
**	E & D Contracting Services Savannah, GA	\$163,578

* MBE Firm
** WBE Firm

3. Staff reviewed the references and low bid from Pioneer Construction, Inc. and believes their bid to be fair and reasonable. Pioneer Construction would subcontract work to ATA Landscaping.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2008-2014) – Courthouse Renovations
(3244980 – 54.13001 – 32460427)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval to award \$116,741 construction contract to Pioneer Construction, Inc., a MBE firm, for landscaping improvements at the Judicial Courthouse.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
TOM DRANE

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$34,561, to the construction contract with D.L. Moore Pinnacle, LLC, for the Taterville Community Center Expansion to add three (3) construction alternatives.

BACKGROUND: On 19 November 2010, the Board approved a construction contract with D.L. Moore Pinnacle, LLC for the construction of the Taterville Community Center Expansion project. 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.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. At the time of the bid, three (3) alternatives were listed in case the County could afford the additional work.
2. Alternate 1 includes the re-roofing of the existing community center building to match the proposed shingle color and style of the new addition. The existing roof is approximately 11 years old. The new shingles will be covered by a 20 year warranty from the manufacturer. The price for Alternate 1 is \$29,936.
3. Alternate 2 includes the addition of spray foam insulation in the attic area of the existing center to match the insulation in the proposed addition. Spray foam insulation is more energy efficient than the insulation installed in the existing center. The installation of the spray foam insulation will increase the energy efficiency of the building and save on energy costs in the long term. The price for Alternate 2 is \$1,725.
4. Alternate 3 includes the addition of a 42"x96" translucent panels in the community center expansion. The translucent panel will be installed at the top of the exterior masonry walls intervals in the metal expansion at the roof eaves. The addition of the panels will allow natural light into the multi-purpose space and help reduce the need for artificial lighting and save energy during the daylight hours. The price for Alternate 3 is \$2,900.
5. Staff believes all prices received from D.L. Moore Pinnacle, LLC for these alternates to be fair and reasonable and within the project budget.
6. Contract history:

Original Contract (11-19-10)	\$474,000
Change Order No. 1 (pending)	\$ 34,561
Revised contract amount	\$508,561

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$34,561 to the construction contract with D.L. Moore Pinnacle, LLC, for the Tatemville Community Center Expansion to add three construction alternatives.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$975, to the professional services design contract with Barnard Architects for the application and fees for the NOI/NPDES/EPA permit for the Tatemville Community Center Expansion.

BACKGROUND: A change in the State Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations requires a notice of intent, (NOI) be filed and a national pollutant discharge elimination system, (NPDES) permit be obtained for the project.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Due to the State regulations and the project scope, a NPDES permit is required for the soil sediment and erosion control system.
2. For compliance to the City of Savannah Ordinance and the project scope, a review by the State Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is required.
3. The permit fees and administrative time was not included in the initial professional services contract with Barnard Architects and their consultants. The cost of the NOI/NPDES/EPA permit is \$975.
4. Contract history:

Original Contract (11-20-09)	\$82,250
Change Order No. 1 (pending)	975
Revised contract amount	\$83,225

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$975, to the professional services design contract with Barnard Architects for the application and fees for the NOI/NPDES/EPA permit for the Tatemville Community Center Expansion.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide change orders necessary to meet state regulations for design contracts.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$293,849 construction contract to Hoffman Electric to install a traffic signal and turn lanes at the intersection of King George Boulevard and Grove Point Road.

BACKGROUND: A contract was awarded to McGee Partners, Inc., on 21 March 2008 to design a traffic signal and turn lanes to alleviate traffic congestion at this intersection. On 26 February 2010 the Board approved a Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) agreement (formerly known as "County Contract") with the Georgia Department of Transportation to participate in the funding for the project.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This project was properly advertised and five (5) bids were received and opened on 29 December 2010. The bid responses are as follows:

	Hoffman Electric Co., Inc. Savannah, GA	\$293,849
	Griffin Contracting, Inc. Pooler, GA	\$308,480
	Yates Paving Corp. Savannah, GA	\$309,764
	McLendon Enterprises, inc. Vidalia, GA	\$365,311
*	E&D Contracting Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$392,071

* WBE firm

2. Staff believes the bid from Hoffman Electric is fair and reasonable. The project is expected to be completed within 190 days from the Notice to Proceed.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) – King George Blvd.
(3234220 – 54.14001 – 32356597)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$293,849 construction contract to Hoffman Electric to install a traffic signal and turn lanes at the intersection of King George Boulevard and Grove Point Road.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order No. 2 to the contract with A.D. Williams of Savannah, GA, for a deduction in the amount of \$17,399 and also an increase in the amount of \$13,367, for the resurfacing of the Julie-Backus Smith track at Lake Mayer. The deduction and increase result in a net decrease of \$4,030 to be added to the original contract.

BACKGROUND: On 14 May 2010, the Board awarded a construction contract with A.D. Williams Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$74,911 for the resurfacing of the Julie Backus-Smith track around Lake Mayer. The Board also approved Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$53,758 at their meeting of 13 August 2010. Change Order No. 1 was to increase the length of track for re-construction and failed subbase.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The original contract quantities were an estimate of the amount of asphalt that would be needed to resurface the full length of track based on a design specification. Once completed, the actual asphalt quantity was less than the estimated amount of asphalt for the Julie Backus-Smith track around Lake Mayer resulting in a deduction of \$17,399.
2. The contract required that all work conform to the Georgia Department of Transportation Standard Specification (GDOT). This included the asphalt, the aggregate base material and the compaction of the subgrade typical to resurfacing a roadway. These standards did not address shoulders on a walking trail. Staff felt that the shoulder drop off created a safety concern for the pedestrians. Additional fill dirt had to be brought in and placed along the edge to prevent any injuries to the users of the trail. The additional work resulted in an increase to the contract in the amount of \$13,367.
3. Contract history is as follows:

Original Contract (5/14/10)	\$ 74,911	
Change Order No. 1 (8/13/10)	\$ 53,758	
Change Order No. 2 (pending)	\$ (17,399)	Deduction for asphalt quantities
	<u>\$ 13,367</u>	Addition for fill material along edge of trail
Revised contract amount	\$124,637	
4. Staff believes the change order from A.D. Williams Construction Company, Inc., to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP – Park Services
(3506100 – 54.13009 – 35030340)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 2 to the contract with A.D. Williams of Savannah, GA, for a deduction in the amount of \$17,399 and also an increase in the amount of \$13,367, for the resurfacing of the Julie-Backus Smith track at Lake Mayer. The deduction and increase result in a net decrease of \$4,030 to be added to the original contract.
2. Provide staff with 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 I

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

BACKGROUND: There are numerous small construction projects that can be done by a variety of professional engineer and technical services companies that are either pre-qualified by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) or have demonstrated their capability to accomplish quality and timely work for the County. To “slug” through the qualify-based selection process for a host of companies that are all “qualified” on small projects is neither timely or cost effective.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The contracts will be managed by task orders. Each contract will be for a specified not to exceed amount. The task orders will be for specific tasks with deliverables for either lump sum or not to exceed amounts (e.g. time and materials).
2. The companies listed in this report are not intended to be all inclusive of “qualified” companies. Their selection is based on their prior experience with the County on projects or their GDOT pre-qualification. Most of the consultants are already the “consultant of record” on County projects.
 - a. Reynolds, Smith & Hill, Inc. (Transportation) (NTE \$250,00)
 - b. ECS Southeast, LLC (Environmental & Construction Testing/Inspection) (NTE \$250,000)

FUNDING: SPLOST – (1985-1993), (1993-1998), (1998-2003), (2003-2008), (2008-2014) – CIP – Various

ALTERNATIVES:

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

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM J

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a sole-source contract, in the Not to Exceed amount of (NTE) \$17,155, with Whitaker Laboratory, Inc. to provide special inspections for the Tatemville Community Center Expansion for compliance to the International Building Code.

BACKGROUND: Chapter 17 of the current International Building Code requires third party inspections for specific elements and phases of commercial construction. The required special inspections are in addition to the typical inspections required by the building permit.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. The required special inspections are identified by either the project architect or structural engineer.
- 2. The project/property owner is required to hire the third party special inspector to conduct the required inspections for compliance to Chapter 17 of the International Building Code.
- 3. Based on the required special inspections identified by the project structural engineer and the scope of the project, Whitaker Laboratory, Inc. is the only local laboratory qualified to conduct all of the special inspections under one contract. Whitaker Laboratory, Inc. was part of the design/engineer team for the Tatemville Community Center Expansion. Staff finds the NTE fee of \$17,144 from Whitaker Laboratory, Inc. to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Request Board approval of a sole-source contract, in the Not to Exceed amount of (NTE) \$17,155, with Whitaker Laboratory, Inc. to provide special inspections for the Tatemville Community Center Expansion for compliance to the International Building Code.
- 2. Provide staff with other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM K

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$13,100 purchase of a Polaris Range 800 Crew Field Service Vehicle from Liberty Cycle of Hinesville, GA, for the Chatham County Sheriff’s Department.

BACKGROUND: The Sheriff’s Department Complex firing range is used by the Deputies and Corrections personnel within the Sheriff’s Office and Detention Center, by SCMPD Officers and all other law enforcement agencies located throughout the general area.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. The purchase of the requested service vehicle will allow the movement of range personnel and various equipment and supplies being used throughout the day in an expedient manner without the need to drive a full size vehicle onto the range.
- 2. This service vehicle will be more cost effective by using less fuel than a full size vehicle and will cause less damage to the grounds area because of the smaller size and light weight.

3. Request for Quotes were requested and received. Quote responses are as follows:

Liberty Cycle Hinesville, GA	\$13,100
Action Motor Sports Savannah, GA	\$13,600
Power Sports Jacksonville, FL	\$13,238
Bargeron Brunswick, GA	\$14,055

4. On 27 March 1998, the Board approved a “local preference” policy which, when a firm from outside Chatham County submits the “absolute low” bid, allows the lowest bidding Chatham County firm to match the “absolute low” bid. If the local firm does match the “absolute low” bid, the local firm is awarded the purchase. As indicated above, a non-Chatham County firm offered the “absolute low” bid. The Chatham County firm was asked if they would match the outside firm’s bid. Action Sports has declined to match the “absolute low” bid.

5. Staff believes the price quoted by Liberty Cycle to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O – Sheriff’s Department
(1003300-54.24001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$13,100 purchase of a Polaris Range 800 Crew Field Service Vehicle from Liberty Cycle of Hinesville, GA, for the Chatham County Sheriff’s Department.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of equipment that will facilitate a more expeditious and less costly service.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM L

ISSUE: Request Board approval for Chatham County Juvenile Court to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Emily Hall for one (1) year under the terms of the Judge Sanford Jones Memorial Grant under the 2009 Byrne JAG Grant Program awarded to Juvenile Court on 1 October 2010.

BACKGROUND: The Judge Sanford Jones Memorial Grant under the 2009 Byrne JAG Grant Program awarded \$250,000 to Chatham County Juvenile Court to implement the GERL (Girls Enriched and Responsibly Living) program on 1 October 2010. On 22 November 2010, Chatham County Chairman Pete Liakakis signed the award acceptance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. After advertising through Chatham County’s Human Resource and Service Department, performing reference checks and interviewing ten (10) applicants, Emily Hall has been selected to fill the position of a 32 hour program manager for the Chatham County Juvenile Court-GERL program utilizing a portion of the grant funding. This position will implement and ensure accountability for this pilot program.
2. Emily Hall will function as an independent contractor providing program management duties to the Juvenile Court GERL Program, and agrees that she is an independent contractor.
3. Emily Hall will work a 32 hour work week, be paid at a rate of \$22.80 per hour for one (1) year, with the possibility of a renewal for the term balance of the grant funding.
4. Emily Hall agrees she is not a county employee, and is not entitled to County benefits or privileges, and that she is not guaranteed employment beyond the term of the grant award.

FUNDING: Judge Sanford Jones Memorial Grant under the 2009 Byrne JAG Grant Program
(2506000 – 52.30991 – 25020322)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval for Chatham County Juvenile Court to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Emily Hall for one (1) year under the terms of the Judge Sanford Jones Memorial Grant under the 2009 Byrne JAG Grant Program awarded to Juvenile Court on 1 October 2010.

2. Provide staff with other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award contracts for necessary services when the service can be performed at a reasonable rate and is funded by grant dollars.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
TOM DRANE

ITEM M

ISSUE: Request Board approval for Chatham County Juvenile Court-Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC) to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Latrell Gulotta for one (1) year under the terms of Department of Justice FY 10 Family Drug Court Programs awarded to Chatham County 17 September 2010.

BACKGROUND: The Department of Justice-Office of Justice Programs (OJP) awarded \$349,969 to Chatham County - Chatham County Juvenile Court - Family Dependency Treatment Court to enhance exhibiting Family Drug Courts on 17 September 2010. On 30 September 2010, Chatham County Chairman Pete Liakakis signed the award acceptance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. After advertising through Chatham County's Human Resource and Services Department, performing reference checks and interviewing 13 applicants, Latrell Gulotta has been selected to fill the position of 29 hour case manager for the Chatham County Juvenile Court-Family Dependency Treatment Court utilizing a portion of this funding. This position will provide for a better success rate among FDTC clients.
2. Latrell Gulotta will function as an independent contractor providing Case Management duties to the FDTC, and agrees that she is an independent contractor.
3. Latrell Gulotta will work a 29 hour work week, be paid at a rate of \$20 per hour for one (1) year, with the possibility of a renewal term for the balance of the grant funding (3 years).
4. Latrell Gulotta agrees she is not a county employee, and is not entitled to County benefits or privileges, and that she is not guaranteed employment beyond the term of the grant award

FUNDING: OJP Grant
(250260052 – 52.12099 – 25020252)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval for Chatham County Juvenile Court-Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC) to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Latrell Gulotta for one (1) year under the terms of Department of Justice FY 10 Family Drug Court Programs Enhancement Grant awarded to Chatham County-Chatham County Juvenile Court-Family Dependency Treatment Court on 17 September 2010.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award contracts for necessary services when the service can be performed at reasonable rates and is funded by grant dollars.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
TOM DRANE

ITEM N

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order No. 1, in amount of \$6,813 per year, to the annual maintenance agreement with Boen Mechanical Service Company, Inc., of Savannah, GA for preventative maintenance and repair services of the HVAC equipment for the Detention Center.

BACKGROUND: 19 December 2008, the Board approved an annual contract for the maintenance agreement with Boen Mechanical Service Company, Inc.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. During a recently scheduled preventative maintenance and repair service, the contractor informed the Detention Center staff that some equipment needed to be added to the maintenance schedule because warranties had expired.
2. Adding equipment to the maintenance service agreement changes the scope of services and costs thereof.

3. Contract history is as follows:

Original Contract Amount (12-19-08)	\$ 27,800/Year
Change Order No. 1 (pending)	\$ 6,813/Year
Revised Contract Amount	\$ 34,613/Year

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O – Detention Center
(1003326-52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 1, in amount of \$6,813 per year, to the annual maintenance agreement with Boaen Mechanical Service Company, Inc., of Savannah, GA for preventative maintenance and repair services of the HVAC equipment for the Detention Center.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM O

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order No. 1 to the Annual Contract with Tabb Textile Company, Inc., of Opelika, Alabama to provide Inmate Supplies for the Chatham County Detention Center.

BACKGROUND: On 16 January 2009, the Board approved the award of an annual contract with automatic renewals options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Tabb Textile Company, Inc.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Tabb Textile Company, Inc. has recently provided a notification of price changes associated with the manufacturer imposed price increases due to the escalating costs in energy, transportation, packaging and raw material has raised the price of the item listed below. This is the first price increase request since the contract became effective.
2. Because of the excessive percentage increase in costs for the sheets, Purchasing conducted a search of probable vendors including the Internet, to verify the price escalation. The requested price increase is consistent with the trend.
3. Staff believes Tabb Textile Company, Inc., request for the County to contractually recognize the manufacturer price increase on the items listed below to be fair and reasonable.
4. New prices will be as follows:

Item	Description	Old Price	New Price
F.	Sheets, (54"x90") per doze	\$18.95	\$25.00

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O – Detention Center
(1003326 – 53.17009)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 1 to the Annual Contract with Tabb Textile Company, Inc., of Opelika, Alabama to provide Inmate Supplies for the Chatham County Detention Center.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM P

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award \$47,457 construction contract to Thompson Pavement Marking, Inc., a WBE firm, for re-stripping of various roads in the unincorporated areas of Chatham County.

BACKGROUND: Each year or when funds are available Public Works identified roads that require re-stripping. Because the department has no commercial grade equipment to accomplish striping on a grand scale a solicitation is issued.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Specifications were developed and identified 58,080 linear feet to be re-stripped using thermoplastic coating which should remain serviceable for approximately seven (7) years. The remaining routes for re-stripping account for 438,239 linear feet which will be re-stripped using standard road striping paint.
2. Thermoplastic paint cost from \$0.25 to \$0.35 per linear feet were at standard road paint cost \$0.06 to \$0.08 per linear feet.
3. The routes to be re-stripped with thermoplastic include President Street, Whitemarsh Island Drive, Wilmington Village Way and West Lathrop Avenue. Standard road striping paint will be used on Wilmington Island Road, Johnny Mercer Boulevard, Ferguson Avenue, Little Neck Road and Quacco Road.
4. This project was properly advertised and two (2) bids were received and opened on 20 January 2011. The bid responses are as follows:

*	Thompson Pavement Marking, Inc. Port Wentworth, GA	\$47,457
	Peek Pavement Marking Columbus, GA	\$49,946

* WBE Firm

5. Staff reviewed the references and low bid from Thompson Pavement Marking, Inc., and believes their bid to be fair and reasonable. Thompson Pavement Marking, Inc. has been used by various local paving firms in support of Georgia Department of Transportation projects. They have also been employed by Chatham County Public Works and Park Services for past projects.

FUNDING: SSD – Public Works
(2704100 – 42.39001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award \$47,457 construction contract to Thompson Pavement Marking, Inc., a WBE firm, for re-stripping of various roads in the unincorporated areas of Chatham County.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM Q

ISSUE: Request Board approval to extend the construction contract with Boen Mechanical Contractor, Inc. for the HVAC upgrades for the Administrative Legislative Center, to a month to month basis until project completion.

BACKGROUND: The original date of completion for this contract was 1 August 2010. Due to delays by the manufacture, McQuay International, 78 air conditioning units (water source heat pumps) were not delivered to the vendor until July 2010. Some units received were missing parts and others were not manufactured according to specifications and had to be returned for re-manufacturing. Other delays resulted because of hidden construction obstacles due to the age of the building.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Vendor completion was delayed due to manufacture’s delay in providing equipment.
2. Age of building contributed to delays because of hidden obstacles.
3. Vendor is working on contract that expired on 1 August 2010.
4. Contract extension was not requested due to staff oversight as construction was progressing at a normal pace.

5. Estimated time/days for project completion, as given by project engineer 120 days, was in error by several months.
6. Project as of this date is unfinished, several change orders will be presented to the Board under separate cover.
7. Staff is requesting that contract be retroactively extended from 2 August 2010 on a month to month basis until project is complete.

FUNDING: No additional funding is required.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to extend the construction contract with Boen Mechanical Contractor, Inc. for the HVAC upgrades for the Administrative Legislative Center, to a month to month basis until project completion.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to correct staff oversights by approving a request to legally make a contract binding by extending the completion date.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM R

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change order No. 5, in the amount of \$1,015 per month, to the annual contract with R.I.T. Janitorial Services to add to the scope janitorial services at the new Records Center.

BACKGROUND: On 20 July 2007, the Board approved a janitorial services contract with R.I.T. Janitorial Services of Savannah.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The new Records Center located at 4225 Augusta Road, Garden City, is now open. This 35,000 plus square feet building has been renovated and is a state of the art records center, consisting of a records storage area, eight (8) offices, two (2) medium size restrooms, one (1) meeting room, and staff lounge.
2. Administrative Services has requested five (5) days a week janitorial service for all areas except the warehouse storage area floor which will be mopped and swept every two (2) weeks.
3. Staff requested quotes from five (5) janitorial companies currently under contract with Chatham County. The quotes are as follows:

*	R.I.T. Janitorial Savannah, GA	\$1,015/month
	Quality Cleaning Contractors Savannah, GA	\$1,060/month
*	Randall Green's Cleaning Service Savannah, GA	\$1,200/month
*	CKC Enterprises Savannah, GA	\$1,800/month
*	Imagann Cleaning Service Lithonia, GA	\$1,825/month

* MBE Firm

4. Staff believes that the quote from R.I.T. Janitorial Services of \$1,015 per month to be fair and reasonable.
5. Contract history is as follows:

Original Contract Amount (7-20-07)	\$14,400/Year
Change Order No. 1 (11-16-07)	\$30,600/Year
Change Order No. 2 (7-25-08)	\$ 2,250/Year
Change Order No. 3 (10-03-08)	\$ 7,560/Year
Change Order No. 4 (3-13-09)	\$ 3,600/Year
Change Order No. 5 (Pending)	<u>\$12,180/Year</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$70,590/Year

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O – Administrative Services
(1001580 – 52.21301)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of Change order No. 5, in the amount of \$1,015 per month, to the annual contract with R.I.T. Janitorial Services to add to the scope janitorial services at the new Records Center.
- 2. Provide staff with other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SLAUGH

ITEM S

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the Annual Price Agreement to purchase on an “as needed funds available” basis, newest model year vehicles for Fleet Operations from J.C. Lewis Ford of Savannah, GA.

BACKGROUND: Each year staff develops and solicits competitive bids for this annual requirement for the current model year.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. Staff developed specifications into four (4) Proposals consisting of Proposal No. 1: 2011 Ford Fusion S, Proposal No. 2: 2011 Ford Taurus SE, Proposal No. 3: 2012 Ford Focus S, and Proposal No. 4: 2011 Ford Crown Victoria. Bid was publicly advertised and opened on 2 February 2011.
- 2. Only one (1) local vendor submitted a bid, pricing as follows:

Proposal No. 1	Proposal No. 2	Proposal No. 3	Proposal No. 4.
Ford Fusion S	Ford Taurus SE	Ford Focus S	Ford Crown Victoria
\$14,641	\$20,238	\$13,651	\$20,899

- 3. The State of Georgia contract was verified for competitive pricing.
- 4. Staff believes vehicle prices from J.C. Lewis Ford to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP – Vehicle Replacement
General Fund/M&O – Various
SSD – Various
SPLOST (2003-2008) – Vehicle Replacement
Water & Sewer
Solid Waste

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of the Annual Price Agreement to purchase on an “as needed funds available” basis, newest model year vehicles for Fleet Operations from J.C. Lewis Ford of Savannah, GA.
- 2. Provide staff with other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve annual price agreements for the purchase of vehicles for the using departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
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PREPARED BY _____
PURCHASING AGENT

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Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Now I need to ask the Commission, it will take us a few minutes more for a couple of items or do you want to, you know –

Commissioner Stone said, let’s just finish.

Chairman Liakakis said, – recess now to go inside the other room?

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman, I believe the folks from the Planning Commission have been here –

Commissioner Stone said, yeah, let’s just finish.

Commissioner Shay said, – oh, I don’t know about four hours waiting for us. So –

Commissioner Odell said, let’s – let’s finish.

Commissioner Shay said, – let’s do this thing.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, then. All right. Here – here we go.

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. **AMENDMENT TO ADJUST THE MAXIMUM TOTAL BUILDING PERMIT FEE TO ADEQUATELY COVER THE COST OF PROVIDING THE DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE. THIS ACTION AMENDS THE CODE OF CHATHAM COUNTY, CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE III: PERMIT FEES, AND THE CHATHAM COUNTY REVENUE ORDINANCE, ARTICLE T, SECTION 1.**

Chairman Liakakis said, First Readings, under 1. Amendment to adjust the maximum total building permit fee to adequately cover the cost of providing the departmental service. This action amends the Code of Chatham County, Chapter 20, Article III: Permit Fees, and the Chatham County Revenue Ordinance, Article T, Section 1.

- 2. **TO REQUEST THE BOARD TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND THE SAVANNAH-CHATHAM METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT (SCMPD) TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE THAT IS COMPARABLE TO THE STATE LAW GOVERNING THE ANCHORING OR MOORING OF SHRIMP BOATS IN CHATHAM COUNTY’S RIVERS.**

Chairman Liakakis said, Item 2, request the Board to authorize the County Attorney and the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department to draft an ordinance that is comparable to the State law governing the anchoring or mooring of shrimp boats in Chatham County rivers.

Now there’s no action on this because it’s First Reading.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

- 1. **THE PETITIONER ANNE SMITH, AGENT, IS REQUESTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATERFRONT INDUSTRY W-I DISTRICT TO PERMIT “CULTURAL FACILITIES” (USE 26) AS AN ALLOWED USE. MPC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. MPC FILE NO. Z-101122-00091-1 TEXT AMENDMENT - UNINCORPORATED AREA**

Chairman Liakakis said, Second Readings. The petitioner Anne Smith, Agent, is requesting an amendment to the Waterfront Industry W-I district to permit “Cultural Facilities” (Use 26) as an allowed use. MPC recommends approval.

Commissioner Shay said, so moved, Mr. Chairman, for approval.

Commissioner Odell said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. We have a motion on the floor and a second to approve. Let’s go on the board. Motion passes. You did a good job, we’ll let Tom know. He might be in the audience. Tom, you see you’re guy there?

Commissioner Shay said, I – I think it was Ellen Harris, myself, but that’s all right.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to approve the petitioner Anne Smith, Agent's, request to amend the Waterfront Industry W-I district to permit "Cultural Facilities" (Use 26) as an allowed use. Commissioner Odell seconded and it carried unanimously.

~~**AGENDA ITEM: XI-1**~~

~~**AGENDA DATE: January 14, 2011**~~

AGENDA ITEM: XII-1

AGENDA DATE: February 11, 2011

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THRU: R. E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER
FROM: THOMAS L. THOMSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE/AGENDA HEADING:

The petitioner Anne Smith, Agent is requesting an amendment to the Waterfront Industry W-I district to permit "Cultural Facilities" (Use 26) as an allowed use. MPC recommends approval.

ISSUE: An amendment to the Waterfront Industry (W-I) district to permit "Cultural Facilities" (Use 26) as an allowed use.

BACKGROUND: Maritime industries have played an important role in the history of Chatham County and the coastal region. In recognition thereof, local interests have proposed the development of a cultural center/museum to preserve artifacts and tell the stories of a historic working waterfront industry. Because the Zoning Ordinance does not presently permit the establishment of such a facility within or on lands zoned W-I, a text amendment is being sought to allow such use as a matter of right in the W-I district.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1) As stated in the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance, the purpose of the W-I District is "... to create and protect areas for commercial fishing operations and other activities that are dependent upon a waterfront location." Though rarely used, the district does, none-the-less, recognize the importance of the maritime industry to the area.
- 2) Throughout the history of Chatham County, in addition to commercial fishing, crab, oysters, and shrimp were all harvested, prepared and shipped to local markets. At least three oyster factories were established at varying times in history in Pin Point, the most successful of which was the Varn's Oyster Factory established in 1926 and operated until 1985. While only the foundations of the two earlier factories remain, Varn's Oyster Factory remains largely intact.
- 3) As one of the few remaining, and largely intact, oyster factories in the County, a proposal has been developed to stabilize and rehabilitate Varn's Oyster Factory into a cultural facility/museum that will not only tell the history of the industry and the area, but will also provide hands-on educational opportunities.
- 4) Public uses (Use 14) are currently allowed in the W-I District. This use is defined as buildings, structures, and uses of land owned, operated and maintained by a governmental unit or government agency, including but not restricted to public schools, fire stations, recreation sites and facilities, and water treatment facilities. Similarly, the district also currently allows amusement or recreational activities carried on wholly within a building (Use 60). Although cultural facilities and museums are not specifically listed as permitted uses in the W-I District, the impact of allowing these types of uses would be no greater than what might be expected from public or recreational uses which are permitted.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) Approve the proposed amendment as recommended by staff.
- 2) Approve a modified amendment.
- 3) Deny the proposed amendment.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The W-I District was designed to protect those areas and industries that are or were dependent upon a waterfront location. Preservation of this heritage through the development of cultural facilities and/or museums is not, however, currently permitted within the W-I District. The amendment proposed would make cultural facilities/museums an allowed use. Given the other uses currently allowed in the W-I District, it is not expected that the addition of cultural facilities as permitted use will generate potentially negative impacts on lands now zoned W-I.

RECOMMENDATION: The MPC and Director of Building Safety and Regulatory Services recommend Approval of the recommendation to amend Section 4-5.2 Business and Industrial Use Schedule as follows:

<u>List of Uses</u>	<u>W-I</u>
26. Cultural Facilities	X

PREPARED BY: Jim Hansen, AICP Director
Development Services

December 14, 2010

Gregori Anderson, Director
BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Liakakis said, you have Information Items. Okay.

- 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 (NOTE: NONE FOR THIS AGENDA).**

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-2
AGENDA DATE: February 11, 2011

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

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Six (6) replacement computers	ICS	Dell Marketing (State Contract)	\$5,934	ICS - Computer Replacements
One (1) Garmin GPS system for the helicopter	Mosquito Control	Aircraft Spruce and Specialty	\$2,699	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control
Two (2) Dell laptop computers	ICS	Dell Marketing (State Contract)	\$4,065	CIP – Detention Center Expansion
Magnum light tower	Sheriff	United Rentals	\$4,030	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff
Two (2) Emergency locator kits	Sheriff	Project Lifesaver	\$4,830	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff
Repairs to excavator	Fleet Operations	Port City Industrial Repair	\$3,990	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
12 personal locator units	Sheriff	Project Lifesaver	\$3,600	General Fund - Escrow account - Project Lifesaver
Sharepoint software training	ICS	Northridge Systems	\$2,500	General Fund/M&O - ICS

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Let's go into --

County Manager Abolt said, personnel, litigation, land acquisition.

Chairman Liakakis said, – yeah.

Commissioner Shay said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. We need a second.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Commissioner Odell said, and Russ, who gets a vehicle?

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. Let’s go on the board. Go on the board. Vote. Motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Upon motion being made by Commissioner Shay and seconded by Commissioner Holmes, the Board recessed at 12:17 p.m. to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel, litigation, and land acquisition.

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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:

Motion was made and seconded to authorize the Chairman to execute an Affidavit that the Executive Session was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. [NOTE: Commissioners Shay and Kicklighter were not present.]

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:50 p.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2011.

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

 JANICE E. BOCOOK, INTERIM CLERK OF COMMISSION