

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 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 9:36 a.m. on Friday, March 25, 2011.

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**II. INVOCATION**

Commissioner Patrick Shay gave the Invocation.

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**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Helen Stone led the Pledge of Allegiance to Flag of the United States of America.

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**IV. ROLL CALL**

Chairman Liakakis said, I call on Janice, our Interim County Clerk for the roll call, please.

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 Bocoock, Temporary County Clerk

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**V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**1. PROCLAMATION TO DECLARE MARCH 29, 2011, AS "VIETNAM VETERANS DAY." ROB TAYLOR WILL BE RECEIVING.**

Chairman Liakakis said, next on the Agenda, Proclamations and Presentations, and we have a proclamation to declare March the 29, 2011 as Vietnam Veterans Day. Rob Taylor from the Vietnam organization will accept that. And this is very important that we recognize that. As we know there was a lot of turmoil and of course people all over the country now, you know, are giving respect to the Vietnam Veterans, and we do appreciate all of their service to our country, and Commissioner Patrick Farrell will read the proclamation and present it to Rob Taylor, and then we'd like Rob to make a comment after the proclamation is presented.

Commissioner Farrell read the proclamation as follows:

The County of Chatham  
 Georgia  
  
 Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, on March 29, 1973, America withdrew its last 2,500 troops of young men and women from the battlefields of Vietnam and, since the end of that bitter conflict faraway in Southeast Asia, a generation of Americans has come of age and come to understand the significance of the war; and

**WHEREAS**, we will never forget those soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines who answered the call to honorably defend our Nation and its principles of freedom and democracy, and we have an obligation to recognize the service of our Vietnam Veterans – those who went to war and returned safely, those who returned home scarred of body and mind, and those who were killed or are still missing; and

**WHEREAS**, we have the utmost respect for the soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines who fought in Vietnam, and we pay tribute to them for their valiant efforts, reflective of the strength and character they demonstrate today, and welcome the opportunity to acknowledge and thank them for their defense of global freedom and democracy; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Pete Liakakis, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2011 as:

**VIETNAM VETERANS DAY**

in Chatham County and invite all citizens both in public ceremonies and in private thoughts and prayers to gratefully acknowledge our Vietnam Veterans.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2011.

**ATTEST:**

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 Pete Liakakis, Chairman  
 Chatham County Commission

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 Gail F. Gordon, Administrative  
 Assistant to the Chairman

Commissioner Farrell said, sir.

Mr. Rob Taylor said, I want to thank the Commission for this proclamation and give you a little update. Since I was here last year, we had over 1700 still missing, now we're down to 600 – 1698, which is pretty good. But it's going to slow down even more because the villages where they were locating the remains, they're getting a lot older. They're dying. They're – they're not remembering exactly where the incidents were where we lost our – our soldiers, and it's going to slow down a lot. Since 1975 they've recovered 885. I just want to thank everybody here. We've got a ceremony on the 29<sup>th</sup> at Emmet Park that starts at 6:45 with the Army Brass Quintet from the 3<sup>rd</sup> ID band, and Colonel Hoffman is going to be our speaker, and that starts at 7:00 o'clock at Emmet Park. I want to thank you again.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Thank you very much. We do appreciate that, Rob, and of course, all of the participation to the Vietnam Veterans here because they participate now in many civic and charitable things in the community, and that's really good, especially for us to continue every year to recognize the Vietnam Veterans as we do others also. Thank you again.

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**CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION**

Chairman Liakakis said, what I'd like to do before we go to the next item is introduce Jasmine Moran, who is the Chatham County Youth Commissioner representing St. Vincent's Academy; and Alexis Parker, who is also representing St. Vincent's Academy. Nice to have both of you here this morning.

Youth Commissioner Alexis Parker said, thank you.

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## WELCOME TO GUESTS

Chairman Liakakis said, and I see in the audience out there that we have some elementary students that have come to be with us and observe what is going on today. And from the Georgetown Elementary Student Council, we have assistant president – principal, Ms. McDonald, and the counselor, Mr. Henry Murphy. We appreciate all of you coming this morning to see how our Chatham County Commission operates and the different items that we have.

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### **2. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES TO CLASSES 16 AND 17 OF THE CONSTRUCTION APPRENTICE PROGRAM GRADUATION CEREMONY.**

Chairman Liakakis said, now I'd like to go to the next item, is the presentation of Certificates to Classes 16 and 17 of the Construction Apprentice Program graduation ceremony. Before we come out there to give those, I want the general public to know, some of them know this, that when we came on board in 19 – I mean in 2005, what occurred was that the Chatham County Commission joined up with the Savannah Poverty Initiative Program, and we wanted to help out in that and give the opportunities and do what we could to help people on low income and in poverty in our community, and so we started this Pilot Program, and ever since then, we have been participating and supporting this because it's really important to give individuals in our community the opportunity to learn life skills and then work skills too, and hopefully to get them jobs. Of course, when it first started out, the housing industry was really booming, and we got all of the graduates, you know, right away we got all of them with jobs. That has slowed down a good bit and – but our people are still working and hopefully with some of these new industries that are coming on line that in addition to helping those that we do now, that we'll be able to expand that with these new industries that are coming in our community. So I'd like now to call our – I see Daniel Dodd, who heads up the program, and some of his staff people so that we can set in motion now the graduation program for Classes 16 and 17.

Daniel Dodd said, good morning, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners and Mr. County Manager. My name is Daniel Dodd, I'm the Director of Step-Up Savannah. You will recall that we began this program with Step-up, Savannah Technical College, the Home Builders Association to train men and women from the high poverty neighborhoods in the construction trades. We have changed the name of the program to the Chatham Apprentice Program, and I mentioned this at our last graduation because we really have worked to diversify the training into other sectors as you have all asked us to. The apprentice program is five years old this year. It's hard to believe that five years have gone by since you all asked us to put this together. As you all know, this program has won several awards, including the Georgia Municipal Association Award and the NACo award. This program is an example of government at its – at its most innovative, and I truly believe government at its best. A lot has happened since we first began. The economy has suffered which has affected our residential construction and has forced us to refocus our energy on commercial construction and on training in other industries. We're still fortunate to have an 82% placement rate. This is because the program has a great reputation with your support, and because we've built relationships with contractors and subcontractors who believe in the students that we're training. As you all know, many, not all, but many of our students are ex-offenders and are looking for a second chance. The CAP program provides this for people. This in turn helps with public safety and helps anchor families and develop new workers for our economy. We've also introduced green building training into the program. Recently CAP students have had intro – have had an introduction to LEED projects and green building seminar built into the curriculum. They've undergone deconstruction training and been paid for deconstruction work through other grants. For example, right now, they're working with the May Street Y in a demolition project that Peter Doliber, the Executive Director, was able to get with a grant, and he's able to pay our students to go in and – and to renovate the – the part that was the locker rooms, which they're going to be using for – for other – for other meetings. They've received rain barrel installation training, prior to receiving installation orders from the City rain barrel sale. We're really looking at other ways to – to – to look at bringing other green industries into the CAP program.

Mr. Dodd said, today we're excited to see Classes 16 and 17. Fifteen students that are here today. A few of them have to – are – are fortunate enough to be working, and they couldn't get the time off to be here. We just finished recruiting for Class 19, and twenty-three students have started the life skills portion for this program before they transition into Savannah Technical College and are placed in – hopefully are placed in employment. We continue to see very strong interest, and the numbers of the students who are going through certainly reflect this. I want to thank you again, all of you, for your continued support for this important program that helps our community in so many different ways. With – yes, Commissioner Shay.

Commissioner Shay said, I'm – I'm – I'm very pleased to hear that the green building curriculum has been woven into the training program at this point and the LEED program is something that all of your are being introduced to. I want to let you know that just this week, we were notified at my architectural firm that the project that we did for Georgia Power in downtown Savannah has been certified as a LEED Platinum level project. That's the highest level attainable. And the reason I point this out to you is this idea of doing very high performance projects is not just an abstract concept about things that are done in Germany or – or someplace else. Right here in Savannah, Georgia, we have done one of the most energy efficient and resource conservative buildings on earth, and you can be part of that going forward and that can be part of our community's brand going forward. So I welcome you, and I hope that you'll understand that the training that you get is relevant to the industry of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Mr. Dodd said, thank you, Commissioner. That said, I'd like to introduce the two people that really run this program and make it successful, not only by recruiting the students, making sure the students are held accountable, which you've all asked for, and supporting the students as well, 'cause we know there are a lot of obstacles that can get in people's ways. But also on the – on the supply side, by really working with the contractors and subcontractors, building those relationships with them, which we know are so critical in order to make sure that they take advantage of the program and – and – and – and help to place people within their industries with the subcontractors. Tara Sinclair is the program manager, and Zelonia Williams is the program coordinator. Ms. Sinclair.

Tara Sinclair said, Thank you, Daniel. Good morning.

Board of Commissioners said, good morning.

Ms. Sinclair said, my name is Tara Sinclair, and I'm the program manager of the Construction Apprentice Program, and as always it's a pleasure coming before you again this morning to not graduate one class but two. This morning we have Classes 16 and 17, but I would also like Class 19 to please stand.

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Ms. Sinclair said, thank you. All though Step-Up manages the program, Ms. Williams, will you join me, please? Ms. Williams and I are the faces of the Construction Apprentice Program, now known as the Chatham Apprentice Program, but also known in the community as CAP. We started working with Step-Up in March of 2007 and to date we have introduced the CAP program to more than 1200 people in the community. That number does not include subcontractors nor general contractors. We have held more than 800 one on one interviews. There have been more than 450 who've completed a job readiness course. The job readiness course is something that we implemented in the beginning of the program because we want students to – to start job searching immediately. So that's like a three-day to five-day, depending on the size of the class, and what that covers is how to fill out an application correctly. All of this is hands on. How to interview for a job. We have mock interviews. We even have contractors come out and participate in that. And also, most importantly, how to answer that felony question. By offering the job readiness before life skills, we're able, again to prepare the students for employment. Then we have those who don't qualify for HOPE, and so they are not able to transfer to Savannah Tech. But, what that has done is, with the job readiness, is better equip them for a more successful job search. But our bittersweet here has been that once the students are prepared to effectively job search, we tend to lose them because of conflict. It could be conflict in – in hours, or conflict with trying to juggle home, school, and family. Then we have the 350 who've completed life skills successfully. But now due to the fall out of loan defaults, probation violations, and selective service, which is something that we've learned throughout this that if students aren't registered by age 25, they don't qualify for any federal benefits. But we've since enrolled 295 students at Savannah Tech.

Ms. Sinclair said, now the Construction Apprentice Program has gone through many changes. We started with the Home Builders as partners and offered the paid on the job training. We started as a 16-week program, now we're a 26-week program, and here lately, we're no longer at Savannah Tech after summer quarter, there will no longer be quarters, it will be semesters, so – which would make the program even longer. But I got to tell you, we've gotten really good at this. Because what we've done now is we've started to overlap classes, which is why you have 16 and 17. So in an effort to make sure, you know, we're holding up our end of the bargain and meeting our numbers, that has been proven to be very, very successful. The extension of the program has made it a little difficult, in the numbers, you know, who graduate. We have graduated 201 students to date, and this does not include classes 18 and 19. And unfortunately Class 18 is not here today to share this with us, and that's only because they participated at the last ceremony. But through our efforts of job placement, we've assisted 210 students in employment. Now I know before I said we graduated 201, but the up and coming class, Class 19 and Class 18, they're currently working. So those numbers are included for employment.

Ms. Sinclair said, we are now deciding on how do we measure our success? And I say that because we measure right now by the number of students who complete the program, but we lose the number that we've assisted with a job, and they can't complete the program. So that's going to be a new task for us, and I'm sure that number will increase. This has been a wonderful, wonderful journey for Ms. Williams and I. Daniel sometimes have to remind me, Tara, this is not your program. But, Ms. Williams and I take this program on as though we own it. Because if we feel like we own it, we can do a whole lot with it, and we can make it grow. So, with that, it has just been a sense of self-achievement for us every time we come before you. We see these guys from the beginning till the end. And you all are fortunate to see them at the end. But we can see the transition and the difference that this program makes. We – we – we also target life skills because that's where it begins. It helps them at home. It helps them at work. And it helps them become better and productive citizens. So without further adieu, and one of our proudest moments, we would like to present to you the graduating class. Ms. Williams?

Zelonia Williams said, good morning.

Board of Commissioners said, good morning.

Ms. Williams said, again, I will present to you both Class 17 – 16 and 17. If you don't mind, you can come down to share this opportunity with us.

[NOTE: Board of Commissioners went down to congratulate the graduates.]

Ms. Williams said, Mr. Quran Bigham, Toray Blue, Anthony Bryant, Bodua Gordon, Larry Washington, Mr. Marcellas Engram, Brian Mells, Zach Smith. (Graduates not present: Danny Bias, Taurean Johnson, Wilbert Lennon, Andre Smith, Lenord Stroman, Aldridge Walker, Herbert Brisbon, and Timothy Randolph.)

Chairman Liakakis said, I'd like to say something to the graduates today, and of course, Class 19, 'cause it's really important for you to realize this that you made some mistakes, there might have been some offense or something, maybe some have, and – and you can't change what has happened in the past. You know, if I'd a done something differently maybe I wouldn't have this particular problem and all, and you keep that on your mind, and it circulates for a number of years, and it has some psychological effect on you to some people. But, if you want to be positive, and you can be positive and remember that all of you are important, no matter what your status is, that you, you know, are part of God's children, and we look to do the things that we can help one another. So don't ever give up. You know, some of you might not have, you know, employment right now, but you keep on trying. You have that positive attitude, and never, ever give up because some people that we've seen all around the country, here and around the country, that they had many more problems and problems much more, you know, severe and others than what some of you might have now, but they didn't give up, and they've become successful, and many of them own their business.

They're very successful in many ways. But you don't have to be, you know, the Chairman of the Board or something as long as you can do the things that provide for yourselves and you can go to higher heights and all. And that's very important 'cause we want you to do that. Because this Commission is dedicated to help people in our community to see them rise up because once you rise up and your successful and all, then that makes you a citizen that you are going to be, you know, in – in many ways very good, and we appreciate that, and we appreciate you, that's why we're doing these programs and all. So be glad, think hard, never give up, even if you have to go sometimes, like I tell people that work in one of my companies, you go to nine places, and they say no I don't want, you know, I don't want to join up with the services right now. You go to the tenth one, and they come on board. So, you see, some of these things might happen like that to you. But work hard. Do whatever you can. Never ever give up, as I repeat for the third time. And thank each and every one of you because we want you to be, you know, the best that you can be. So thank you and may God bless each and every one of you.

[NOTE: Board of Commissioners returned to their seats.]

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## **VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS**

### **1. UPDATE ON COASTAL AREA TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED BY THE 1% TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX (INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN LIAKAKIS AND PRESENTATION BY TOM THOMSON).**

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you. Next Item that we have, the update on Coastal Area Transportation projects to be funded by the 1% transportation sales tax that – that will be presented to our citizens and citizens around the State of Georgia. We – it's House Bill 277, and what that has done is set up a program for the financing of road projects not only in our area, in our region, but around the State of Georgia. And now we have set up different methods as commanded by the State for a round table groups, and we're in our particular region is the Coastal Georgia Regional Commission, and that consists of some ten counties and 35 cities, and what I'd like to do right now, a person that has really helped us and done an outstanding job is the – we have the Executive Director of our Metropolitan Planning Commission is Tom Thomson, who has been working diligently in helping out with this new transportation bill.

Tom Thomson, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Planning Commission said, thank you Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. The Chairman asked me to give a brief overview of the bill and answer any questions that you may have that I can answer. In the last leg - well let me go back about four years. The legislature has been trying to resolve how to fund transportation in Georgia, and over the last, well counting this session, five sessions, they have worked on this. In the previous session they've come up with a solution that addresses it on a regional basis instead of on a state-wide basis and leaves the decision of whether or not to fund transportation up to local voters in each of the districts. So what was then House Bill 277, the Transportation Investment Act of 2010, creates 12 special taxing districts that are co-incident as the Chairman mentioned with our regional planning counsel. So our regional planning counsel has ten members and, therefore, it's based on that ten-County area. Within there – we can ask the voters to approve a 1% sales tax for ten years, and the tax is collected and divided in two ways. The first way is a off the top 25% pot of money that is allocated to counties and cities by formula. And the formula's a word that's out of the legislature now, but it's called a LARP fund, which is now LMIG. So that LARP fund formula as it existed in 2010 will be used to distribute the top 25% of the revenues collected from the 1% sales tax. So that's by formula, by right if you will. For example, just Chatham County and the City of Savannah, from that 25% over the 10-year period would collect \$95 million in round numbers. So it's a fairly substantial amount. That 25% can be used for any transportation project. It's pretty wide open in terms of the definition of it as long as it's a - a reasonable transportation investment, and that's determined locally, and so, there was a question earlier about a list. There – it would be up to each local government to put a list out to voters in advance of that vote for that, but it wouldn't be required for the 25%. Now the 75% is a different matter all together. The remaining 75% –

Commissioner Odell said, may I ask you a question –

Mr. Thomson said, sure.

Commissioner Odell said, – before you go on? The 25%, would the monies be spent where collected? If we collect that 25% here in Chatham County, would that 25% be spent in Chatham County or within that district?

Mr. Thomson said, well actually that's a very good question. The formula as it's set up would mean that Chatham County would be a donor County to the other counties. To put it in money terms, we'd get \$95 million – well that's not – I don't have all the cities in there. We'd get – we'd probably get as much as we donated, it's about 50% of the regional amount. So our – we would be a donor, I think, if I recall correctly, about 112 million over the ten-year period or 11 million a year, would be distributed to the other nine counties. So Chatham County for the 25% off the top is a donor. For the 75% that will be determined by the list. We could actually come out ahead on the list if Chatham has more projects – or more money in projects on the list.

Commissioner Odell said, which must be approved by the committee?

Mr. Thomson said, which must be improved by the – approved by the regional committee, right. Round table as it's called.

Commissioner Odell said, and the round table isn't based upon population distribution?

Mr. Thomson said, that's correct. There are 20 members, and Chatham County has two, your Chairman and –

Commissioner Odell said, right.

Mr. Thomson said, – Mike Lamb from the City of Pooler.

Commissioner Odell said, so we could be 50% of the collections but be 1% of the distribution? Theoretically.

Mr. Thomson said, theoretically, right.

Commissioner Odell said, I mean because everyone has an equal vote. Even though they're – they're unequal collections, there's a equal distribution potentially. Would you agree?

Mr. Thomson said, well, I'm going to explain a little bit farther down in the presentation about the make up of the Executive Committee, which I guess I'll mention now, is made up of five members that were selected by the 20-member round table group, and of those five members, three are the Chairmen for the areas that have MPOs, Chatham, Hinesville area, and Brunswick. So three out of the five members of the – that will do the initial unconstrained list to give to the round table to review and approve will be from the largest populated areas of the – of the ten-County region. So to some extent, you know, the – the deck is stacked in our favor because we have the – the larger populated counties on that committee and therefore, perhaps, would, you know, create a list that was balanced to where the funding comes from.

Commissioner Odell said, yeah, but – but my – my point nevertheless is that we have more population in Chatham County than in the other two counties combined.

Mr. Thomson said, yeah, we're almost half the population and half – 42% of the voting population.

Commissioner Odell said, and if that half decided to vote together, then Chatham County would be defeated. Is that true?

Mr. Thomson said, that's –

Commissioner Odell said, technically, is it possible?

Mr. Thomson said, theoretically possible with the – if everybody voted the same way in the other nine counties.

Commissioner Odell said, right.

Mr. Thomson said, right.

Commissioner Odell said, and – so my ultimate question is money that would be collected in Chatham County could be spent in one of the other 11 counties. We would have input in that, but we would have equal input with all of the smaller counties. Would you agree with that?

Mr. Thomson said, yes, but there's a couple caveats there, I think that should be considered. One, we are still the center of the economic area, and I believe some of the counties around us have the opinion that, you know, what benefits Chatham in transportation will benefit them because of the connectivity of the – of the labor shed area. Two, some of those counties also collect disproportionate amounts on the 25% so they're kind of feel comfortable with that level of investment, and thirdly, at the end of the day, the voters are going to pick and if our Chatham County voters look at that list and say this isn't fair to Chatham County, they're not going to vote for it and probably that would win the day in the region 'cause as I mentioned Chatham is about 42% of the registered voters in the – in the 10-County area.

Commissioner Odell said, but we would be penalized for it based upon distribution for equity match with the state. Is that true?

Mr. Thomson said, if it did not pass –

Commissioner Odell said, right, if it did not pass –

Mr. Thomson said, – then there would be a penalty for everybody in the region under the current legislation, that's right.

Commissioner Odell said, so – so we could – if we didn't like what happened, we could oppose it through the vote of the majority of citizens here, but we would be penalized for that vote and the rest of the 11 district – commissions – not commissions, but counties would likewise be penalized?

Mr. Thomson said, correct.

Commissioner Shay said, just in – in – in sort of a Machiavellian way, Commissioner Odell, if the other nine counties conspired to make a list that our folks would vote against, they would lose their 25% off the top, which they're going to get more than a fair share of. So, everybody stands to lose. The question is can you fashion a ballot, and our Chairman is going to have to be our representative in all of this, and I'm sure will represent us, but somebody's going to have to fashion a ballot where there are some winners because everybody stands to lose –

Commissioner Odell said, right.

Commissioner Shay said, – but the list is the only way to make sure that there are winners as well as losers.

Commissioner Odell said, but – but the underlying premise is that we take money from one area and redistribute it to be allocated to another area. That is the underlying purpose of this bill, act, legislation.

Mr. Thomson said, well, and I would say that if you looked at fuel – motor fuel taxes, the motor fuel taxes are collected from everybody at the I think at the wholesale level, and those taxes get distributed unequally across the state also. There's no – there's a congressional district balancing, but for Savannah, we probably generate in our district half of the fuel taxes or a large share of them, but we may not be getting back. So it's the nature of the beast of –

Commissioner Odell said, I understand.

Mr. Thomson said – this type of thing.

Commissioner Odell said, and – and – and Tom, I'm not arguing.

Mr. Thomson said, and I don't mean to argue either. I just –

Commissioner Odell said, but what I'm saying is that monies will be collected here to be spent elsewhere. The fact that we have that done in other circumstances, like the motor fuel taxes, simply says that we're being treated unfairly twice, not that because it's done somewhere else that that's fair. You're not saying that, are you?

Mr. Thomson said, well, I would – I would offer this bit of information that when we deal with motor fuel taxes, the transportation commission decides where they're spent to a large extent. On this Bill, at least the 10-County – local counties get to decide where the money is spent. So that – that's probably the – and I think it was partially the intent that the local people would take the brunt of saying we want to take another penny from everybody but also in exchange for that you get to decide which projects you spend it on.

Commissioner Odell said, I promised my fellow Commissioner from the Eighth District that I'd shut up, so Dean [Kicklighter], I'm gonna shut up.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. We got Helen [Stone] and then Alexis [Parker] wanted to ask a question. Helen [Stone], go ahead.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. So if I understand this correctly, if this referendum does not pass, then we lose our portion of the monies?

Mr. Thomson said, well any monies from the Act would not be there. So that – that would be zero. But what happens is if – let's say it gets to the ballot and the – and the voters vote against it and it fails, then there's a – a matching penalty for the LMIG funds that you get. So you have – instead of the State matching more of it, the locals have to match more of it.

Commissioner Stone said, so if it passes, we're a donor County. If it fails then we get penalized.

Mr. Thomson said, if it –

Commission Stone said, it's a lose/lose situation no matter how you slice it. Is that what I'm hearing?

Mr. Thomson said, well, Commissioner, if it passes, we may not be a donor County, we may actually be a – the opposite of donor, a benefit County because the list will determine whether or not we're a donor or not.

Commissioner Stone said, I understand but we – our luck with the State has not always been very stellar, so I'm just trying to weigh this out and understand that it – it – to me looks more like a lose/lose situation than a win/win situation. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, Alexis [Parker], go ahead. Ask your question.

Youth Commissioner Parker said, good morning, Chairman Liakakis and Commissioners, my name is Alexis Parker, and I am a member of Chatham County Youth Commission. My question to Mr. Thomson is with the \$95 million that we will benefit from, when will we receive that money and if, when we do, will that money be given to the other counties since we are a donor County?

Mr. Thomson said, well the money when collected goes to a state agency not the DOT, but I can't think of the name of the place the money's put in, and the money would be distributed on a – on a periodic basis. Probably for the 25% there would be an application from each jurisdiction that then would be written a check for those projects. So the timing will probably vary but it'll probably be metered out on a – on a – on how – how the collections are coming divided by ten or by 12 each year rather. So, that's – I've asked some of the same questions of Georgia DOT, and I think they're working on that in the background at the moment, the exact process. For example, on the 9 – 75% of the money, if on January 1st, 2013, we got a project that's ready to go, will the State let it go because there hasn't been any collections yet? I mean what's the timing of priorities and stuff? That's I think still to be determined and is going to be a huge administrative process that hopefully they'll be prepared for when it happens.

Chairman Liakakis said, Dean [Kicklighter]? It got it.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I think what I'm gathering, and I will make this quick is that our State government's pretty much saying that regional structure is better than the structure of our State government. I believe the way the State government's structured is the most populated areas have the most representatives thus far Atlanta gets all the money, they get all the roads, they get everything, and yet now in a double standard, if you will, they're structuring back

down on us something totally different than the structure of our government. And if they like it so much they can just divvy the state up just like they want to do here and – and we could come out pretty good if they want to break it down and change the entire structure of government. But that's what's really happened here, is state-wide Atlanta gets all the money because they have all the people, and they have all the representatives when compared to other areas. If they break it out in the state just like they're wanting to do on all of us, then we'd get fair treatment. But, you know, it's – I commend you for doing what you've been chartered to do, and you're doing a great job, as always, but fair, no. No matter how you shake it, it's not fair.

Mr. Thomson said, well if –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and I include the little counties and everybody around. It's not fair for anyone. So.

Mr. Thomson said, Mr. Chairman, just to comment in a very general way on that. Yeah, what we're doing – thank you for your comment. You know these are the rules –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah.

Mr. Thomson said, – it's sort of like the game – you go and play football, you play by the rules of football. We're playing by the rules of the legislature –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, don't misconstrue my comments –

Mr. Thomson said, – and the voters get to decide –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, – you're doing great.

Mr. Thomson said, yeah, well, I – that's all right.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, you're doing what you were asked to do. So, thank you.

Commissioner Odell said, no, the voters don't get to decide.

Chairman Liakakis said, wait a minute. Hold on.

Commissioner Odell said, I'm sorry.

Chairman Liakakis said, now James [Holmes] and then you.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you, Pete. I – if everybody listening to what is being presented, Mr. Thomson, there's going to be a lot of question asked to us. There's some people watching this right now, and when we leave here, how would we clarify this I would say strategy that was orchestrated by some mastermind to hold us hostages for collecting our money and using it somewhere else? If any of us have drove in Atlanta in the last 20 years, especially in 10 years, the congestion of trying to get in Atlanta and around Atlanta is – nobody wants to do it. It's stressful, antagonizing, and it's sickening. So they got a big mess in Atlanta. So who put together this referendum? It's orchestrated on the backs of us to push back money to them to try to undue some of the road work to better their transportation system? Now I know that's what I'm looking at? Am I right?

Mr. Thomson said, except that it – what we're doing here won't benefit Atlanta, it will benefit our region 'cause the money will be spent here. But all the rest of what you said is right on the mark.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay. If – if – if this was done for not only a regional system, would it have been better for us?

Mr. Thomson said, that's difficult to answer 'cause if it was done on a state-wide basis and the legislature said there'll be a 1% sales tax voted on for – I think they would have had to been voted on by referendum, but let's say it goes into place at a state-wide level, again, then, who's – who's making the decisions at that point? That'll be the – the Georgia DOT Board – Commission making the decisions, so that would be one of the major differences, and whether we'd be treated in a balanced, fair way, with that decision-making body or if – if the list that we would develop cooperatively among the ten-County region be better? It's all in the final list of what gets funded at the end of the day.

Commissioner Holmes said, so when we start promoting this when we go to the ballot, I – I know some people are going to be confused, and I know that. Will there be some sort of news blitz to kind of clarify this to the citizens before they go to the polls?

Mr. Thomson said, the Georgia Chamber is putting together a state-wide campaign at this point.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

Mr. Thomson said, which I believe our Chamber will be involved with. I think it's going to be important for us – we can't lobby and hopefully I'm not sounding like I'm lobbying for this at this point. We can't lobby as the local government or MPO or planning commission for this, but we can educate, and so I think it's going to be important to educate people about what they're voting for and what they get for it and let them – let them be informed so they can make a decision.

Commissioner Holmes said, and that's my point. Arm us.

Mr. Thomson said, and that would occur after the process is a little farther along.

Commissioner Holmes said, arm us so we can educate our citizen to what they're facing.

Mr. Thomson said, right.

Chairman Liakakis said, Harris [Odell] and then Patrick [Shay].

Commissioner Odell said, I – I agree with Dean [Kicklighter] and Helen [Stone] and James [Holmes] and – the bottom line is funds will be collected here to be spent elsewhere. And the fact that we may have a motor fuel tax that is distributed out and not based upon where collected doesn't make it necessarily right. Atlanta receives most of the benefits and – and little things like Indigent Care Trust Fund. Thirty years ago looking at the patient distribution, we were getting as much as \$28 million. We meaning in this County. Now all of that money goes to Atlanta, Grady Memorial Hospital. It's just – to me it seems like what we're being asked to do is we're being asked to collect money and someone else who did not collect that share will have a say so about how it's spent. I know it may be some of those other things, but my problem with relying upon the good faith of the State to act benevolent towards Chatham County is based upon how the State has elected to pay us \$20 for state inmates when it's costing us \$52 when it's state inmates. It is state. If we're going to generalize something, let's generalize that. And when we flip that, and they pay these private developers who go out and build jails and make it a profit center, they pay them their actual cost. And I understand the justification that they don't have to go through the capital costs so, you know – I understand this is not your legislation, Tom, that you are not the author of this misfortune. But I cannot rely upon the goodness of our being treated fairly in the distribution when we have a history of being treated unfairly. Now my good faith doesn't extend to turning the cheek when I'm being beat on one side of the face. I'm going to turn the other cheek and get beat on that one? And that's what this ultimately will do to us. I know we have to live with it because our legislators, I guess, didn't win the day or win the vote, but this is going to be a double whammy. We're damned if we do and we're damned if we don't. And the simple – to tell me that we do it elsewhere with the fuel motor tax doesn't make me feel better, it just makes me feel that they're getting me twice. In addition to the jail now they're going to get us again. I'm concerned about roads in the Fifth District, and beyond that I'm concerned about roads in Chatham County. I believe that charity begins at home. I believe that I am more concerned about monies spent on roads in this County than I am in another County elsewhere. I'm – I'm more concerned about Chatham County and that may be unfair.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Patrick [Shay]?

Commissioner Shay said, I'll try and be brief. What we're hearing is that, I think a famous historian once said that watching legislation being made is like watching sausage being made that you better have a strong stomach. There's a process that's going to happen between now and this referendum whereby a round table, and an Executive Committee are going to make a lot of decisions about what goes on the list. The list is going to be a very strong determinate as to whether Chatham County ends up being a major donor or a minor donor in – in this whole process. I would only ask that those of our citizens that pay attention to transportation and mobility issues, this is a time when you can have a lot of influence over the decision making process as to how this money is allocated. We keep referring to it as road money, but the truth is that there is a lot of opportunity for non-motorized and alternative mobility strategies, including our public transit system, which has never received state funding for operations. That we have ways that we can develop infrastructure that we've never been able to use transportation dollars like this for in this way. So if you're somebody that advocates for alternatives as well as roads; if you're somebody that advocates for transportation; now is the time to get engaged. We'll be up here kvetching over the fact that we're not going to get our fair share. We'll do our jobs, okay, but you need to do your jobs too. If you're somebody that advocates for a saner transportation system so that we don't become Atlanta, and we don't end up living – I think you – you put it very well, Commissioner Holmes, like the folks in Atlanta do in a way that's sickening in many ways, then this is – this is our shot. I – I don't think we're going to get treated as fairly as we'd like, but we have a strong Chairman, and there is a process where we can influence these outcomes. Fortunately for us building roads is brutally expensive and building alternatives to roads is relatively economical if we do it right. So although we may end up donating road money to somebody else, if we use our dollars really wisely, than we could build a kind of infrastructure that we need in Chatham County for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. End of speech.

Mr. Thomson said, Mr. Chairman may I just kind of –

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah. Okay.

Mr. Thomson said, – slip in the process and I guess I – I can wait for Commissioner Thomas, but just to kind of follow on with what Mr. Shay is saying. If you participated in the MPO process, you've already participated in the selection of the projects because we are relying heavily on what is in our long range plan to put forth the DOT. And just to quickly outline the process, next week we'll be submitting as the MPO, that we presented at the Metropolitan Planning Organization, the list of projects. There's going to be about 85 projects based upon the draft that we've now prepared, and of those, money wise, I bet we're approaching 20% for – for non-highway things and there's other things besides building highways on the 80%, but it's the other kind of stuff. So that list will be submitted next week. The DOT – the next part of the process is the DOT planning director, who reports to the governor will look at all those projects and ensure they meet the criteria that the round table set, and then there'll be a list prepared, an unconstrained list, prepared for our region that will be given to the five-member Executive Committee in our region, of which our Chairman is a member, and that committee will put together a balanced list money-wise – a balanced program of projects. So that's when we'll know if we're a donor – well at least in the proposal, a donor or not or have a sense of the direction it's going. That constrained list then will be given to the full round table, 20 people, and the round table can say yes to that list; they can say no to even putting it on the ballot; or they can change the list. But they can only change the list by adding and subtracting projects from the unconstrained list that was given to the Executive Committee. All that will be done by October 15<sup>th</sup>, and we'll either know if there's something on the ballot or not, and if there's something on the ballot, we will know what that list is. From that point forward, it becomes the campaign time frame to either, you know, have folks speak in favor of it or against it, and the vote will occur at the primary in August of 2012. So that gives you the just kind of whole process, and people will have an opportunity – I'm sure that the Chairman's phone is ringing off the hook already for putting projects in the list, but we're – staff has collected and worked with every jurisdiction and

port, airport, and CAT to put together a single, unified list from Chatham County which we'll be submitting next week after we edit our draft. There's like four pages for each project we gotta fill out for that.

Chairman Liakakis said, Priscilla [Thomas]?

Mr. Thomson said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Commissioners. Much has been said, and I agree with everything that has been said. It's the one thing that I'm hoping that we will follow up on which will be very urgent and needed, and that is of a report to the citizens, a need to know. And when I say a need to know, I'm talking about all of the essential priorities that will encompass what you're trying to do prior to the referendum because all of us will be receiving calls. As a matter of fact, I've already received a couple of calls. And those who are in the know, need to make sure, as has been said, that our citizens are educated before they go to the polls to vote.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Jon [Hart]?

County Attorney Jonathan Hart said, I – I was just going to say that when we first read this legislation, we felt like it was a bureaucrats dream, and Commissioner Stone's right on the money, it's a lose/lose situation for – for counties with urban areas, metropolitan areas probably save and except the Atlanta area. But the real problem is is the down side is really, really down. If we vote this thing down, that is really down because number one you lose all your money for your road program, and if you want to go ahead and build something, your match with the state doubles. Typically when we'll do a state road, we'll put up 20%, they'll put up 80%. Now you're going to be in the situation of putting up 40%, and on major projects, that's a huge hurdle for local communities. So, I – I – what I want to say is, that while we may be a donor County, at least we get some money if it's voted in, and we don't get doubled on our match. Because if those two things occur, you won't be building any roads in this County.

Chairman Liakakis said, Dave [Gellatly]?

Commissioner Gellatly said, yeah, I – I – I just – I just have some observations and certainly no solutions. To begin with –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's always good, Dave [Gellatly].

Commissioner Gellatly said, thought I'd tell you that up front. But, first of all, this whole thing is hugely, hugely complicated. I – I'm just barely can possibly understand what – what y'all are talking about. I would think that the average tax payer out there would have even a bigger problem because they don't have the source of information, but what they're going to hear loud and clear, I mean they're going to hear it loud and clear, that we – we are promoting a huge, huge tax increase on them. You know a penny, that's eight cents. Eight cents on every dollar. That's a heck of a lot of money, you know. And that's what they're going to hear, and they're going to hear a whole bunch of elected officials trying to push this down their throat right while they're losing their jobs. Right while they're losing their house, and – and – then – then I hear – hear illusions to the fact that we got this project and that project and what have – it sounds like a bunch of kids in a candy store, and we don't have any money for candy, okay? So I don't – I don't have a solution but it – it kind of concerns me immensely that we're talking about a huge tax increase on our citizens at the worst possible time that our economy has ever been possibly since the depression, you know, and this – this should be a huge amount of concern to each and every one of us here. You know, I don't know what – what the solution is. I – I don't know that – but if we need roads anymore and we got to pay 40% instead of 20%, maybe that's what we're going to have to do, you know. But to ask a whole bunch of elected officials to start cramming a penny sales tax down the tax payers throat is not very intelligent. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, well, one of the things, the way that this came about for the last several years our legislators have been looking to get additional money because the Department of Transportation has told them that they don't have enough money to distribute around for road projects around the State of Georgia. Instead of adding 1% to that gasoline tax, which somebody that is on very, very low income would not affect them that much, you know, we're – we're talking about maybe just a few cents on a dollar, and they would have a considerable amount of money in there. But they said that, no. They figure that if they did it on a regional basis that that would give the people in that region more say so on the road projects that they need and in their particular region, and that's why they came up with that and said, this will be more fair because instead of saying that the Georgia Department of Transportation is going to make a decision in a – an area, a city or a County, that the region comes together to work together and so that they can have – be more successful in having more road projects in their area with this one cent sales tax, which is transportation tax. Now as you mentioned while ago, we need all of those lists and everything ready in October and that's October of this year?

Mr. Thomson said, correct.

Chairman Liakakis said, but the actual vote on this one cent sales tax for transportation will be in August of 2012, as you mentioned. So anyway, there are a number of people around the state, a number of them, including myself, have talked to some legislators, not only some on our local delegation, but on a state-wide basis so that those penalties that are in there that – that hopefully they can take it out so it'll be more reasonable and better digested and more successful if they take those specific penalties out of there to help to get it passed. Especially to get that passed when it comes up for the vote. So we'll see what happens with that. But, Tom, thank you very much for all the work that you do and your staff people, because you've been diligent on this thing to keep, you know, putting things together and this – the change list or whatever, on the list that you've got, make sure that you distribute that to all of the County Commissioners as soon as it's all changed and put together.

Mr. Thomson said, we will do that. It may take us a few days after we submit it to get it into a better format for public review, but we'll put it on our website, and we'll copy it to all the elected officials that we know.

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah, I want them to have it in written form so that they can look it over and then have discussions with myself because we need to go with that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, can – if I may, Tom, as a – as a kid my mom might make me cut the grass every now and then. I didn't enjoy doing it, but I did a good job. So you don't have to enjoy this task you've been – everybody put on you, but you are doing a darn good job doing it. So I want you to know it's not a reflection on you, it's a reflection on the State of what they actually – they're making everybody do at this point.

Mr. Thomson said, well thank you. I'll keep cutting the grass.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, keep cutting it. It looks good. You do a darn good job.

County Manager Russ Abolt said, very good.

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## **VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS**

### **1. INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH (CHAIRMAN LIAKAKIS AND COMMISSIONER THOMAS). SEE ATTACHED STAFF REPORT.**

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, next on there, information about the scheduled events for National County Government Month. And we had some information that was distributed to each and every one of you in your book on this specific item, but the – Commissioner Thomas and I have been doing some things on it, but we've got some really good people on the staff that's putting a lot of things together, and I'd like for Priscilla [Thomas] now to speak on it.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, fellow Commissioners, Mr. Abolt, staff, Ladies and Gentlemen, we're excited about our plans for National County Government Month which is scheduled for April. A lot of planning has taken place, and I'm happy to present this morning, my co-chair, Ms. Sandra Smalls, who will give you the details.

Sandra Smalls said, good morning, Mr. Chairman, Dr. Thomas, Commissioner Stone, Board Members, and Mr. Abolt. This morning I will provide a report on activities scheduled for the month of April for National County Government Month. First I thank the Board for agreeing on February the 11<sup>th</sup> to participate in this year's activity. I thank Dr. Thomas for allowing me to serve as her co-chair in this project. Many thanks to departments that have shown their support and participation in allowing staff members to serve. The theme for this year's activity is "Serving Our Veterans, Armed Forces, and Their Families." Our goal during this year's celebration is to highlight government services and programs. We encourage all citizens to come out and participate to honor our – honor and thank our veterans, armed forces and their family, and military personnel for their services. On February the 25<sup>th</sup> the Board of Commissioners approved Chatham County Superior Court to participate in an agreement, a Memorandum of Understanding with Gateway to establish a Veterans' Court. The Veterans' Court will create a system to offer treatment options to all veterans instead of incarceration.

Ms. Smalls said, our scheduled events for the month of April starting on April the 5<sup>th</sup>, we will have a Lunch and Learn sponsored by R.O.C.K. group, Raising Our Children Kindly, which will be held in this Commissioner Chamber at 12:00 noon. We ask that all employees to come out and participate. On April the 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 Bass Angler Plus will host a Meet and Greet for the soldiers that will be participating at the fishing tournament on Saturday at the Hunter's Club, and we're asking all Commissioners to please be at the Meet and Greet and the banquet will follow immediately after. On April the 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. we will host our first annual Take a Soldier Fishing event out at Lake Mayer. The fishing will begin at 7:00 a.m. to 12:00. The awards ceremony will be at 1:00 p.m. There will be ten wounded warriors and ten anglers fishing in Lake Mayer. At – they will be doing a catch and release bass fishing tournament. We are asking all citizens to please come out and bring their flags to support their military. During the morning hours there will be a walk for our wounded warriors beginning at 9:00 a.m. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. Special thanks goes to Mr. Bungard and Leon Davenport for working hardly on getting the bridge repaired out at Lake Mayer. On April the 13<sup>th</sup> we will have a Lunch and Learn sponsored again by the R.O.C.K. group at the Sheriff Complex training unit. On April the 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., we will have Chatham County Fair Day at this courthouse. At 11:30, we're asking all Commissioners to please be in the Commissioner chamber. We will honor all our employees that have served, are currently serving in the armed forces. Immediately after our employee appreciation, we will have our opening ceremonies for our County Government Day outside on Wright Square. We are so glad to have the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division Band and Color Guard participating with us at that event. On Saturday, April the 16<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 12:00 o'clock to 6:00 p.m., we will have Military Appreciation Day at the Aquatic Center. All military families and personnel can come in with proper identification and enjoy the Aquatic Center at no charge. On April the 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Chatham County and Chatham County Youth Commission will host a youth rally out at Lake Mayer. We will have exhibits from County departments, military, we will have a County employee picnic at the large pavilion, and also we will have a scavenger hunt for children ages 12 and under. It will be a fun day in the park with live radio remote, music, education about the armed forces. And again we encourage everyone to come out and present – show their appreciation to the military. Bring their flags.

Ms. Smalls said, again, thank you for allowing me to serve as this year co-chairperson for National County Government Month. Many thanks to Mr. Abolt, Mr. Monahan, Ms. Frances Rasmussen, Danielle Hillery, Fred Thompson, Jerrell McRell, Van Johnson, Pete Nichols, Tamala Fulton, Vicky Blumberg, Al Lipsey, Byron Stevens, who is the Director of the Bass Angler Plus Incorporated, and Byron Stevens, Jr., and all other committee members and sponsors for serving this year's event. Again, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you, Sandra.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you so very much.

**AGENDA ITEM: VII-1**  
**AGENDA DATE: March 25, 2011**

To: Board of Commissioners  
Thru: R. E. Abolt, County Manager  
From: Sandra Smalls, Administrative Assistant

**Issue:**

To provide information to the Board about the scheduled events for National County Government Month.

**Background:**

National County Government Month (NCGM) was created by the National Association of Counties to encourage counties to promote the essential programs and services they offer. The community outreach events held during this month will help residents better understand how Chatham County serves the community.

Counties play an important role in the community. The theme for this year is "Serving Our Veterans, Armed Forces and Their Families," and will be observed during the month of April, 2011. During this year's celebration, Chatham County will highlight essential County government services and programs, and encourage citizens and employees to participate in scheduled activities to honor and thank our veterans and military personnel for their service.

**Facts and Findings:**

1. On February 11, 2011, the Board of Commissioners agreed to participate in NCGM.
2. During the months of February and March, meetings have been held with Commissioner Thomas, employees who serve on the NCGM committee, Bass Anglers Plus, Inc., and other military organizations to discuss various events to schedule.
3. On February 25, 2011, the Board of Commissioners approved Chatham County Superior Court to enter into an Agreement/MOU with Gateway Behavioral Health Services ("Gateway") to establish the Veteran's Court. The Veteran's Court will create a system that will identify, assess, and link the target population to treatment options and provide alternatives to incarceration.
4. All events are free and open to the public.
5. The scheduled events are:
  - a. April 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. - Free Lunch and Learn Session for Employees sponsored by the Raising Our Children Kindly (R.O.C.K.) Group to discuss Child Abuse. This event will be held in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
  - b. April 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. – Bass Anglers Plus, Inc., will host a "Meet and Greet" with soldiers, anglers and sponsors at the Hunter Club followed by dinner. The Hunter Club is located at 135 Duncan Drive, Bldg 6015, Hunter Army Air Field.
  - c. April 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Take A Soldier Fishing – Wounded Warriors Bass Tournament" at Lake Mayer from 7:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., with the Weigh-in and Awards Ceremony beginning at 1:00 p.m. During this event, ten anglers will take ten wounded soldiers from Fort Stewart's 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division fishing in a "catch and release" bass fishing tournament. Citizens are encouraged to come and bring their flags to show their support for our military. Commissioners are requested to be present for the Awards Ceremony at 1:00 p.m.

During the morning hours, there will be a "Walk for Wounded Warriors" beginning at 9:00 a.m., with registration at 8:00 a.m. Citizens are welcome to walk one lap around Lake Mayer with their American flags to support our wounded soldiers.
  - d. April 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. – Free Lunch and Learn Session for Employees sponsored by the Raising Our Children Kindly (R.O.C.K.) Group to discuss Child Abuse. This event will be held at the Sheriff's Complex in the Training Unit.
  - e. April 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 p.m. - 2\_00 p.m. – Chatham County Government Fair Day/Open House at the Old Courthouse, located at 124 Bull Street, to include patriotic music, scheduled tours, exhibits, give-a-ways, food and other entertainment. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (V.I.T.A.) representatives will be available on site to offer free income tax preparation assistance. Commissioners are asked to be present at 11:30 a.m. to honor County employees who have served in the armed forces, followed by a ceremony beginning at 12:00 noon.
  - f. April 16<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. – Military Appreciation at the Aquatic Center, located at 7420 Sallie Mood Drive. Military personnel and their families will be able to utilize and enjoy the pools

at no charge with photo identification.

- g. April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – Chatham County Youth Rally at Lake Mayer. Chatham County youth and their families are encouraged to participate and enjoy a fun day in the park with a live radio remote, music and education about our armed forces.

6. On March 17, 2011, the National Association of Counties was notified of the scheduled events.

**Policy Analysis:**

The County Commission’s goal is to provide all citizens the best place to live, work and play by establishing and maintaining recreational services and facilities community-wide. The events scheduled for National County Government Month will allow Chatham County to show citizens how Chatham County supports the armed forces through recreational events.

**Recommendation:**

For information only.

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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) A \$7,600 TRANSFER FROM OPERATING LINE ITEMS TO TEMPORARY SALARIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S GENERAL FUND M&O BUDGET , 2) A \$100,000 TRANSFER FROM INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LAKE MAYER ROAD PROJECT IN THE SALES TAX I FUND, 3) A \$100,000 TRANSFER FROM THE BELL’S LANDING BOAT RAMP PROJECT TO THE KING’S FERRY BOAT RAMP PROJECT IN THE SALES TAX IV FUND, AND 4) TRANSFER \$6,606 FROM THE SKIDAWAY NARROWS EMERGENCY CROSSING PROJECT AND \$15,631 FROM THE OLD COURTHOUSE VIDEO PROJECT TO THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE PROJECT IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND FOR REPAIRS AT THE OGLETHORPE MALL LIBRARY.**

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Next we move from Item VIII to Item IX, Items for Individual Action. One, to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfer: a \$7,600 transfer from operating line items to temporary salaries within the District Attorney’s General Fund M&O budget, 2) a \$100,000 transfer from Intersection Improvements to Lake Mayer Road project in the Sales Tax I Fund, 3) a \$100,000 transfer from the Bell’s Landing Boat Ramp project to the King’s Ferry Boat Ramp project in the Sales Tax Fund IV, and 4) transfer \$6,606 from the Skidaway Narrows Emergency Crossing project and \$15,631 from the Old Courthouse Video project to the Building Maintenance project in the Capital Improvement Program Fund for repairs at the Oglethorpe Mall Library. Two, Board – let’s – we need a motion on that particular item.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Odell said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right, we have a motion on the floor. Let’s go on the board. Motion passes.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the following budget amendments and transfers: 1) a \$7,600 transfer from operating line items to temporary salaries within the District Attorney’s General Fund M&O budget, 2) a \$100,000 transfer from Intersection Improvements to Lake Mayer Road project in the Sales Tax I Fund, 3) a \$100,000 transfer from the Bell’s Landing Boat Ramp project to the King’s Ferry Boat Ramp project in the Sales Tax Fund IV, and 4) transfer \$6,606 from the Skidaway Narrows Emergency Crossing project and \$15,631 from the Old Courthouse Video project to the Building Maintenance project in the Capital Improvement Program Fund for repairs at the Oglethorpe Mall Library. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shay and Kicklighter were not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1  
AGENDA DATE: March 25, 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) a \$7,600 transfer from operating line items to temporary salaries within the District Attorney’s General Fund M&O budget , 2) a \$100,000 transfer from Intersection Improvements to the Lake Mayer Road project in the Sales Tax I Fund, 3) a \$100,000 transfer from the Bell’s Landing Boat Ramp project to the King’s Ferry Boat Ramp project in the Sales Tax IV Fund, and 4) transfer \$6,606 from the Skidaway Narrows Emergency Crossing project and \$15,631 from the Old Courthouse Video project to the Building Maintenance project in the Capital Improvement Program Fund for repairs at the Oglethorpe Mall Library.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The District Attorney has requested a \$7,600 transfer from operating line items to temporary salaries. Transfers that increase appropriates for salaries require Board approval. The budget transfer request is attached.
2. The County Engineer has requested a \$100,000 transfer from Intersection Improvements to the Lake Mayer Road project in the Sales Tax I Fund. Correspondence is attached.
3. The County Engineer has requested a \$100,000 transfer from the Bell’s Landing Boat Ramp project to the King’s Ferry Boat Ramp project in the Sales Tax IV Fund. Correspondence is attached.
4. The Oglethorpe Mall library requires funds for air conditioning repairs. There are two completed projects in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund that have remaining balances available for transfer to fund the repairs. The transfer will involve moving \$6,606 from the Skidaway Narrows Emergency Crossing project and \$15,631 from the Old Courthouse Video project to the Building Maintenance project. Correspondence is attached.

**FUNDING:** Funds for the transfers are available in the District Attorney General Fund M&O, SPLOST I, SPLOST IV, and Capital Improvement Program Fund budgets.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. That the Board approve the following:

**GENERAL FUND M&O**

A \$7,600 transfer from operating line items to temporary salaries within the District Attorney’s budget.

**SALES TAX I FUND**

A \$100,000 transfer from Intersection Improvements to the Lake Mayer Road project.

**SALES TAX IV FUND**

A \$100,000 transfer from the Bell’s Landing Boat Ramp project to the King’s Ferry Boat Ramp project.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND**

1. Transfer \$6,606 from the Skidaway Narrows Emergency Crossing project and \$15,631 from the Old Courthouse Video project to the Building Maintenance project in for repairs at the Oglethorpe Mall Library.
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. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF A \$97,972 WRITE-OFF OF WATER & SEWER BAD DEBTS DUE TO CUSTOMER BANKRUPTCIES.**

Chairman Liakakis said, Item 2, Board consideration of a 97,972 write-off of water and sewer bad debts due to customer bankruptcies.

Commissioner Odell said, move for approval.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Odell moved to approve a \$97,972 write-off of water and sewer bad debts due to customer bankruptcies. Commissioners Thomas and Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shay and Kicklighter were not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-2**  
**AGENDA DATE: March 25, 2011**

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

**ISSUE:**  
Board consideration of a \$97,972 write-off of Water & Sewer bad debts due to customer bankruptcies.

**BACKGROUND:**  
Only the Board of Commissioners has the authority to approve a write-off of accounts receivable.

- FACTS AND FINDINGS:**
1. At this time, eight Water & Sewer customer account balances have been approved for bankruptcy by the United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of Georgia.
  2. The 8 accounts are as follows: George Raven (\$65.40), Sandra Lanier (\$266.00), Justin Taylor (\$176.60), Kim Doane (\$316.10), Theodorra West (\$4,299.55), Natalie Baker (\$1,911.02), California Natural Products/Universal Food & Beverage (\$90,314.46), and Universal Food & Beverage (\$642.75).
  3. Of the accounts shown, the first 6 are residential and the last 2 are commercial. The accounts represent known bankruptcies for the time period April 2003 to March 2011.

**FUNDING:**  
Water and Sewer Fund Bad Debt Expense. Approval of the agenda item will establish funding.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**  
Only the Board of Commissioners has the authority to approve such an adjustment request.

- ALTERNATIVES:**
1. That the Board of Commissioners approves the write-off of \$97,972.
  2. That the Board of Commissioners denies or amends the request.

**RECOMMENDATION:**  
Staff recommends Alternative 1.

Prepared By: Roger Deschenes

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**3. UPDATE THE CHATHAM COUNTY PURCHASING PROCEDURE MANUAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF INITIATING CONTRACTOR EVALUATION CRITERIA ON FUTURE COUNTY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.**

Chairman Liakakis said, Item 3, update the Chatham County Purchasing Procedure Manual for the Purpose of Initiating contractor evaluation criteria on future County construction projects. Now that was put in and it was distributed with your information that you received on the – on the agenda, and that's very important because what that will do, we'll have more input so that if we have a contractor like one that fouled up on Stephenson Avenue, that we can make sure that we address that particular situation. Need a motion on the floor.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved to update the Chatham County Purchasing Procedure Manual for the Purpose of Initiating contractor evaluation criteria on future County construction projects. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shay and Kicklighter were not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-3**  
**AGENDA DATE: March 25, 2011**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners  
**THRU:** R. E. Abolt, County Manager  
**FROM:** Leon Davenport, P.E., Assistant County Engineer  
 Michael A. Kaigler, Assistant County Manager/  
 Director of Human Resources

**Issue:** To update the Chatham County Purchasing Procedure Manual for the purpose of initiating contractor evaluation criteria on future County construction projects.

**Background:** The County accepts bids on various capital improvement projects. Bids are awarded to contractors based upon the lowest and responsive bid received. To date past performance on projects is not considered when evaluating bids.

**Facts and Findings:**

1. The current policy will be updated to allow for project managers to evaluate and score a contractor's performance on County projects. Sample criteria, definitions and forms will be provided to project managers for consistent application of the policy. A policy similar to the evaluation criteria for the Detention Center expansion will serve as a template.
2. Under existing purchasing and contracting procedures, a contractor's past performance is not considered when awarding contracts. Without these procedures in place the County has no ability to determine if a contractor is non-responsive. With this update to policy, contractors will be listed for debarment from future bids based on the current ordinance.
3. Contractors will be evaluated and a score generated by the project manager. This score will be submitted to the contractor and to the Purchasing and Contracting Department. Unsatisfactory ratings could affect retainage on existing contracts and debarment from future bids.
4. The Board adopted a policy that requires staff to conduct an extensive background check to include the number of change orders for projects and services that exceed \$500,000 in value. Staff has in the past, recommended to the Board that a contract not be awarded to the lowest bidder based on their analysis of the bid and based on past unsatisfactory performance. But, recent interpretations of State law makes it difficult to exclude contractors for poor performance.

**Alternatives:**

1. To update the Chatham County Purchasing Procedure Manual for the purpose of initiating contractor evaluation criteria on future County construction projects.
2. To not update the procedure.

**Funding:** None required.

**Policy Analysis:** The Board of Commissioners must approve amendments to County ordinances. The proposed amendment will establish a mechanism to evaluate firms who are awarded County contracts. This system will reduce the likelihood of previous poor performers of County work being re-hired because these firms are required to list past work.

**Recommendation:** That the Board approve Alternative #1.

All Districts.

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#### 4. CNT MONTHLY REPORT GIVEN VERBALLY BY DIRECTOR RAGAN.

Chairman Liakakis said, Item 4, CNT Monthly Report given verbally by our Director Everett Ragan.

Director Everett Ragan said, good morning, Mr. Chairman. Good morning Board.

Commissioner Farrell said, good morning.

Director Ragan said, it's been a long meeting, so we'll try to keep it real quick. Yes, sir. CNT initiated 111 investigations for the month of February. Out of those 67 has been closed. We have arrested 33 people and recovered one weapon for – for the month. And the – you know, different trend we – where we had been spending more time –

the most time out in Precinct 4, Southside, where a lot of our investigations have taken place, this – in February the – the trend shifted to the Central Precinct, and then on the West Chatham precinct was the second, where most of the investigations were done. Within the municipalities within Chatham County, Garden City consumed most of our hours with investigations at that point in time. Going to get into some significant events, and just – just a couple of things. I know we spoke – have been speaking a lot about meth labs, and the one pot cook what we – what we see with them. If you'll look on page six, you'll see in the Significant Events, a – a photograph of the one pot – one pot method that we recovered out in the Travel Lodge the day we had the big fire out in Bloomingdale. One other thing I wanted to note on this, this type is – is an active cook that we have a difficult time with disposing of the hazardous waste that comes from this type of a cook. Recently, you may know that the DEA who has been financing the clean-up for these type of cooks, have – they have run out of money, so now it's going to fall back on us. Right now we still have the – the contractor the DEA used. They're housed in Atlanta and Jacksonville so as it happened on the day that we – we had this one – one pot cook, our agents were able to dress down and take care of part of it, however, we had to wait for a clean up team to come out of Atlanta, so we had to have agents on scene waiting for that 4 ½ - 5 hour trip down for them to render it safe and – and take care of that. Until we are able to find a local contractor to do this – to do this type clean up, we're still going to have to wait from Atlanta and – or either Jacksonville depending on which one can get to us the quickest.

Commissioner Odell said, Director, is that going to be an additional cost in that the DEA is out of money?

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Odell said, and, we have no way of guesstimating how that's going to impact your budget?

Director Ragan said, in talking – this – this type of one pot could be anywhere from 1600 to \$2000 per clean up. We have – we – of course it's difficult to say how many we're going to find. How many of them we'll find a month. We have – we have a budget item in place now with professional services that we can – we can pay for the clean ups. It may come when we get the projected budget from the City of Savannah for – for their budget, there may have to be some adjustment on their projected budget for that. We'll – but again, we'll have to play it by ear right now to – to see that we can do it. If you'll look on the next page –

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman?

Director Ragan said, – page – go ahead.

Chairman Liakakis said, Helen [Stone]?

Commissioner Stone said, I just have a question, you said 1600 to \$2000 on the clean up. Just for the sake of – of specifically my ignorance, what is involved in the clean up of a meth lab? I mean I'm just curious.

Director Ragan said, basically –

Commissioner Stone said, if we're going to have to assume this cost, and we have to explain it to our citizens, what is involved that, you know, it looks – I mean it looks like pink lemonade.

Director Ragan said, it looks like pink lemonade that's - that has to be – that is acid. It's lithium strips, that's peroxide – not peroxide but drain cleaner, Drano, that type of stuff. That's what – that's all they cook the meth with. Sudafed tablets. Basically, when we have the liquid in here, that is the – the volatile part. Now, it's like – well this liquid is like gasoline. If it sits there in the corner of your garage in a jar, you know, it's okay, but if you go and light a cigarette around it, put – put a spark to it, it's gonna blow. That's the same thing that will happen with this, and this is – this is very volatile. I, you know, all of the ingredients that go into it, I'm not 100% sure, but actually to the clean up of this is basically a – is – is putting it into a bucket and having some place to get rid of hazardous material, and we don't have it here. Just do not have it here.

Commissioner Stone said, so it's shipped off somewhere?

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am. The clean up – the clean up people when they leave with it, they take it with them. They render it safe, take it with them. We checked with CEMA. We've checked with the HAZMAT's for the City of Savannah, and again, it's the referral to the private contractor's to be able to get rid of this.

Commissioner Stone said, so it can't just be disposed of –

County Attorney Hart said, it's got to be disposed of in a classified land fill. Very expensive.

Director Ragan said, yes.

Chairman Liakakis said, David [Gellatly]?

Commissioner Gellatly said, I would like for you to take – I – I agree with Commissioner Stone. I – I think the cost is excessive for you know something – certainly something that small. I would like you to look into is there a way they can put another chemical in it and neutralize it?

Director Ragan said, neutralize it? I –

Commissioner Gellatly said, what – what I'm asking you to do – we – we don't need to come up with solutions now –

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Gellatly said, – but \$2000 or \$1600 is ridiculous to get rid of something that small.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Gellatly said, and I – things come to mind. If there is a set standard to get rid of it, why we – we ought to get competition in here and find out on a bid process who – who'd get rid of it for less amount of money, and what's involved and stuff like that. But people that charge those – that kind of money to the government –

Commissioner Stone said, doesn't seem right.

Commissioner Gellatly said, – I'm always very leery of that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, couldn't you just force the person that made it to drink it?

Director Ragan said, a lot of that – a lot of that cost associated with this –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, we wouldn't have to jail them or house them anywhere.

Director Ragan said, – were the – were the time spent coming from Atlanta to Jacksonville here.

Commissioner Gellatly said, you got – you got agents that are on the payroll waiting too, so that's –

Director Ragan said, oh, absolutely. And that – that –

Commissioner Gellatly said, and all that factors in –

Commissioner Stone said, I know.

Director Ragan said, you know, once we – if we make the call at 5:00 on a Friday afternoon, it's going to take more than four hours to get a team of two or three people out of Atlanta to come and do it.

Commissioner Gellatly said, it would – it would seem to me that we would need to have someone that's familiar with chemistry at one of the colleges or somewhere to take a look at that and give us some alternatives that it – it might be that we're looking at the people from Atlanta 'cause that's all we know. Well, we're – we're relatively smart down here, and I think we can figure out another way to get rid of that stuff.

Commissioner Stone said, that's right.

Director Ragan said, we have identified a company – we have identified a company in Garden City initially said they could take care of us. We talked to the boss again. He's got to do a little bit more training so hopefully we will have in the next month or so somebody closer that we're able to work with.

Commissioner Stone said, and what would that cost be? Do you have –

Director Ragan said, again, we don't – we do not know. It's going – it's going to be on a case by case basis. So if we get into one where there's one – one little pot cooking thing, then, again, the cost should be reduced just coming out of Garden City. However, it's going to depend upon the sophistication and the size of each lab. It's a – it's a different price.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, just – just keep –

Chairman Liakakis said, this one is not just a, you know, an ordinary one that you come into with most of these meth labs, because if you look into it, you can see that the – that the contamination in somebody's house, like in the kitchen, I've seen them, that it had all of these volatile and other hazardous material there, and that's why they charge the family, if there's a family, and a number of them have been charged, that they have children, and they let those children come into the kitchen area or wherever in that particular home or whether it's in a hotel or wherever it is and there's more than what you just see in this particular picture, you know, concerning that. But, Commander, there are a couple of other firms that handle hazardous material, you know, within our community, and they're listed in the telephone book. You might check with them because there are a lot of volatile and real hazardous material that they – they have the ability to clean up, and there's a possibility that one of them might take on this task, also.

Director Ragan said, and, see, we're getting our information in and then talk with CEMA and with the – Captain Vickers with the HAZMAT with Savannah Fire, and his recommendation – not his recommendation but their – their identification

of companies that would help, could possibly help, were the same ones that we were already talking too. So we're – we're continuing to look at it, and we're trying to find a solution.

Commissioner Gellatly said, and you know, another thing – another thing just to think about would be these things usually occur on someone's property and its' – and sometimes it's rental property or what have you. Why shouldn't the owner pay for it?

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Gellatly said, you know, why – why should government have to pay for it on private land?

Commissioner Stone said, I agree.

Commissioner Gellatly said, you know, we – we’ll – we’ll go ahead and take care of it and send them a bill.

Commissioner Farrell said, homeowner’s insurance.

Director Ragan said, we’re looking – we’re looking at all of our options to pay to get this taken care of. If you’ll look really quickly on the next page you’ll see debris on the ground. You’ll see Sudafed boxes and this kind of stuff. These – this type of clean up we handle ourselves. We have agents that are qualified on handling this type of clean up because – basically it’s a – it’s a solution we can put on this to render it into salt. We don’t have – with the active burn we don’t have – we don’t have a way to render it safe, but with this, we can put solutions on it and just render it into salt and just put it in the – just put it in the trash somewhere. And if you look at the bottom of the page – where this debris was found, that’s the fire that was started out on Bloomingdale. We’re interviewing the individuals responsible for the fire. The person who actually lit the match to burn, try to get this debris burned so the evidence would be gone, that’s what started the fire in Bloomingdale, so we’ll – I’m sure we should have somebody that we can go after for the cost of putting out the fire and everything else on that. We’ve got one more interview to do on that. But we’ve identified four people involved in this one.

Commissioner Odell said, do you have to call in the EPA when it’s like that?

Director Ragan said, no, sir, we do not.

Commissioner Odell said, you do not?

Director Ragan said, no, sir, we do not. And just a real quick thing I – I won’t go into them all, but if you’ll look at joint investigations, you can see we’re very active with federal and state agencies and the law enforcement agencies in close by counties in South Carolina on some very active investigations going on right now. So. Anything else?

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Thank you very much.

Director Ragan said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, appreciate it.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Chatham~Savannah Counter Narcotics Team		
Monthly Report		February 2011

<b>NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS*</b>	
Investigations:	Number
Investigations Initiated During the month	111
Total Number of Investigations Cleared (Arrest, E.C., Unfounded)	67

<b>DRUGS SEIZED</b>			
Drug Type	Value	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	15.20 Grams	\$1,520.00
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	2.10 Grams	\$210.00
Methamphetamine	\$100 per gram**	31.70 Grams	\$3,170.00
Marijuana	\$140 per ounce*	93 Ounces	\$13,020.00
Heroin	\$250 per gram*	0 Grams	\$0
Ecstasy	\$25 Dosage Unit	15 D/U	\$375.00
Misc. Pills	\$5 per D/U	55 D/U	\$275.00
Hallucinogens	\$10.00 per gram *	0 Grams	\$0
Synthetic (DMT)	\$40.00 per gram *	0 Grams	\$0

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

<b>DRUGS SEIZED—YEAR TO DATE</b>		
Drug Type	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	19.50 Grams	\$1,950.00
Crack Cocaine	28.30 Grams	\$2,830.00
Methamphetamine	31.70 Grams	\$3,170.00
Marijuana	1925 Ounces	\$256,480.00
Heroin	0 Grams	\$0
Ecstasy	60 D/U	\$1,500.00
Misc. Pills	656 D/U	\$3,280.00
Hallucinogens	0 Grams	\$0
Synthetic (DMT)	0 Grams	\$0

<b>DRUGS PURCHASED</b>			
Drug Type	Value	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total

			Value
Powder Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	10.80 Grams	\$1,080.00
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	12.20 Grams	\$1,220.00
Methamphetamine	\$100 per gram**	6.20 Grams	\$620.00
Marijuana	\$140 per ounce*	33 Ounces	\$4,620.00
Heroin	\$250 per gram*	0 Grams	\$0
Ecstasy	\$25 Dosage Unit	0 D/U	\$0
Misc. Pills	\$5 per D/U	4 D/U	\$20.00

1999 Source: Office National Drug Control Policy

\*\* Source: Established regional average price

WEAPONS SEIZED	
Firearms (including hand guns and long guns)	1
<b>Year To Date Totals</b>	<b>13</b>

PERSONS ARRESTED*	
Felony*	8
Felony Sales/Trafficking	18
Misdemeanor	3
Felony Non-Drug**	4
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Year To Date Totals</b>	<b>62</b>

\*Felony includes Manufacturing Methamphetamine or Marijuana

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

ADOPTION CASES FROM OTHER AGENCIES		
DATE	AGENCY	OFFENSE
2/10/11	SCMPD	POSSESSION MARIJUANA W/INTENT

DRUG COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED		
Drug Complaints	Received	Assigned
Project Log/Official Complaints	1	1
Hot Line / Call-In Complaints	11	11
Green Sheets/ Outside Agencies	1	1
Crime Stopper Complaints	22	20
<b>DRUG COMPLAINTS—YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>64</b>

### DRUG INVESTIGATIONS HOURS WORKED BY ZONE

SCMPD – All Precincts **TOTAL 2,396**

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Municipalities **TOTAL 656**

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Administrative Hours	1,280
Case Administration	580
Pharmaceutical Diversions	480
Central Intelligence	480
Out of County (Task Force Operations, etc.)	191
Assistance Rendered to Outside Agencies	49
Training	380
<u>Court Hours</u>	<u>55</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,495</b>

**Total Hours Worked 6,547**

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS**

1. On 2/11/2011, CNT agents received information from the U. S. Probation Office in reference to one of their probationers being suspected of selling drugs. Surveillance was conducted and probable cause was established to contact the suspect. This resulted in the arrest of two suspects and the seizure of 6 ounces of marijuana and 15 grams of powder cocaine. Both arrestees are on Federal Probation and a charge of violation of that probation was placed on them. –Four days after these suspects were arrested another subject contacted CNT agents and claimed ownership of the marijuana. The subject came to the CNT office and made a written statement claiming ownership, but when asked specific questions about locations and quantities it was obvious that he did not know. The subject admitted he was lying and stated he was being threatened by the original arrestee to “take the charge”. He also stated that he was expecting some type of monetary reward for claiming ownership of the marijuana. This subject was arrested for making false written statements and the Federal Probation agents were informed of the incident.
2. On 2/17/2011, CNT agents responded to an active meth lab located at the Travel Lodge near Highway 204 and Interstate 95. Obvious odors were coming from the suspected room so two suspects were removed from the room and CNT meth certified agents, dressed in protective gear, removed the lab items from the room and rendered the room safe. All items were tested and a hazardous materials company from Atlanta responded for a “clean up” of the involved chemicals. The two suspects in the room were charged with manufacturing methamphetamine.
3. On 2/17/2011, while CNT agents were at the meth lab at the Travel Lodge, CNT agents received information from an informant that there was a fire burning in Bloomingdale that may have been caused by a meth lab. CNT agents responded and alerted the fire department on scene of the possibility of this multiple acre fire being meth lab related and necessary precautions were taken. CNT agents found several meth lab related items in a grassy area just outside the fire zone.

**JOINT INVESTIGATIONS**

1. CNT is currently working with DEA on several cases involving local traffickers.
2. CNT is actively working several Diversion cases with DEA that is targeting physicians prescribing narcotics with no apparent medical need.
3. CNT is actively working several joint investigations with ICE and Homeland Security involving several local traffickers that involve both cocaine and marijuana.
4. CNT is currently working with BATF on several Operation Ceasefire cases to include a proposed OCDETF investigation.
5. CNT is currently working with the Beaufort County Drug Task Force in South Carolina on several cases involving common traffickers.
6. CNT has adopted several cases from SCMPD that is requiring agents to work closely with patrol officers.

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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, okay, next, Action Calendar. Under the Action Calendar we have Items 1 through 18 and under 18 we have Items A through Q. And are there any items that like to be held out? If not I'd like a motion on the floor from Items 1 through 18 and the other items that are under 18, for a vote.

Commissioner Thomas said, move for approval.

Commissioner Odell said, second.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, yes?

Commissioner Stone said, I just want to make sure that I – I questioned number 3 that was pulled from last meeting's agenda on the right of way mowing, and I just want to make sure that this – that this – what I understand is that we are going to take this over from the Department of Transportation, is that correct?

County Manager Abolt said, yes. We – we are maintaining the areas of new vegetation and plantings as you've requested.

Commissioner Stone said, okay, and – and they won't poison the grass anymore? And I – and I say this – I say this in all sincerity when I requested for the right of way to be mowed, instead of mowing it, they poisoned it, and it was – it was unsightly on the side of the road. I mean we have beautiful rights of way. We have beautiful corridors, and for someone to come just because a – a request was made a couple of times to mow the grass to poison it and turn it all brown in the entranceway to people's homes, it was – it was – it was unsightly.

County Manager Abolt said, and again this is for the County to do the work, and we don't poison.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Russ, feel free to poison the grass in mine and Dave's district, on our roads out there because we've got grass blades the size of oak trees out there.

Commissioner Stone said, not in the medians. You don't want it poisoned in the medians.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, it's – it's bad. So –

Commissioner Thomas said, move for approval.

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

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Helen [Stone], I'm kidding. We don't want to poison all of our grass.

Commissioner Stone said, I didn't think you did.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, just where they could see to pull out the road would be nice.

Commissioner Farrell said, by the way, it's just a growth inhibitor.

Commissioner Stone said, no. It was dead.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved for approval of the Action Calendar Items 1 thru 18 and 18 A through Q. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

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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 MARCH 11, 2011, AS MAILED.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 11, 2011. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

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2. **CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 4, 2011 THROUGH MARCH 16, 2011.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period March 4, 2011 through March 16, 2011, in the amount of \$3,978,784. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

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3. **REQUEST BOARD EXECUTE A RIGHT-OF-WAY MOWING AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (GDOT) FOR THE WHITEFIELD AVENUE WIDENING PROJECT.**

**[DISTRICT 1.]****ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved for approval of the Board to execute a Right-of-Way Mowing and Maintenance Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the Whitefield Avenue widening project. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-3**  
**AGENDA DATE: March 25, 2011**

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

**ISSUE:** To execute a Right-of-Way Mowing and Maintenance Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the Whitefield Avenue widening project.

**BACKGROUND:** By executing the Agreement, Chatham County agrees to maintain the medians where landscaping will be installed as part of the project. Chatham County requested the wider median and planting areas.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The Board requested that a wider median be included as part of the project to plant additional trees. As part of the agreement, Chatham County agrees to maintain these areas with vegetation management and mowing.
2. The GDOT will not allow plantings in the median without approval of the agreement. Landscaping is included as part of the roadway project.
3. The document required for signature is a Right of Way Mowing and Maintenance Agreement. All documents were reviewed and approved by the County Attorney and staff.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. To execute a Right-of-Way Mowing And Maintenance Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the Whitefield Avenue widening project.
2. To not approve the Agreement.

**FUNDING:** No funding is required to approve the Agreement.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** The Board approves intergovernmental agreements.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Board approve Alternative #1.

District 1.

**RIGHT OF WAY MOWING AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**  
**By and Between**  
**THE**  
**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**AND**  
**Chatham Co.**

**For SR 204 Spur/Whitefield Avenue from  
Hayners Creek to Ferguson Avenue**

**THIS AGREEMENT** made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ by and between the **DEPARTMENT** of Transportation, an agency of the State of Georgia, hereinafter alternately referred to as "**DEPARTMENT**" or "**LICENSOR**", and Chatham Co. hereinafter referred to as "**LICENSEE**."

**WHEREAS**, the **DEPARTMENT** desires to enter into a public/private partnership to perform certain services relating to mowing and maintenance within **DEPARTMENT'S** right of way, hereinafter called the "**PROJECT**", and

**WHEREAS**, the **LICENSEE** has represented to the **DEPARTMENT** that, if such permission is granted to the **LICENSEE**, **LICENSEE** shall bear all costs and liability associated with the **PROJECT**; and

**WHEREAS**, the **LICENSEE** has represented to the **DEPARTMENT** that they are qualified and experienced to provide such services and the **DEPARTMENT** has relied upon such representations;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants as herein contained, it is agreed by and between the parties hereto that:

#### **ARTICLE I SCOPE OF PROJECT**

The **DEPARTMENT** shall permit the **LICENSEE** to perform or cause to be performed, the **PROJECT** consisting of certain services related to maintaining an identified section of the **DEPARTMENT'S** rights of way.

This permission shall be granted by the means of this Agreement for the entire scope of the **PROJECT**, as set forth herein.

The maintenance duties and responsibilities of the **LICENSEE** are defined and set forth in Article XI - **MAINTENANCE WORK PLAN** of this Agreement, and further enumerated and described in Exhibit 'A' - Application and Permit for Special Encroachment with approved drawings or final working drawings for a Department-approved construction **PROJECT**. Exhibit 'A' is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as if fully set out herein. The **PROJECT** location shall be defined or delineated as part of Exhibit 'A'. The required Special Encroachment Permit and/or the construction **PROJECT** final working drawings are to be approved or issued by the **DEPARTMENT**.

Should the **LICENSEE** desire that these maintenance services be performed by a third party, **LICENSEE** and the third party shall enter into subsequent agreement, whereby the **LICENSEE** shall assume all responsibility of repayment to the third party for those services to be rendered as set forth in Article XI - **MAINTENANCE WORK PLAN**. The Agreement between **LICENSEE** and any third parties to this Agreement, shall meet all operational and administrative requirements, including the provisions of liability insurance, set forth by the **DEPARTMENT**, and all liability associated with the **PROJECT** shall be borne by **LICENSEE** and any third parties, as set forth in Article VIII, herein.

#### **ARTICLE II EXECUTION OF CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZATION TIME OF PERFORMANCE**

Time is of the essence in this agreement. The **LICENSEE** shall execute this Agreement and return it to the **DEPARTMENT** within thirty (30) days after receipt of contract forms from the **DEPARTMENT**.

The **LICENSEE** shall begin work on the **PROJECT** under this Agreement immediately after receiving a signed and executed copy of the Agreement (unless noted otherwise in Exhibit A or upon **PROJECT** construction completion).

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, and upon execution of this Agreement, the **DEPARTMENT** grants the rights to the **LICENSEE** to mow, edge, and maintain, as set forth in Article XI - **MAINTENANCE WORK PLAN**, that specific section of right-of-way identified in this Agreement, and herein defined as the **PROJECT**.

The duration of this Agreement shall be for fifty years from the date above first written unless terminated sooner by the **DEPARTMENT** or **LICENSEE**.

#### **ARTICLE III SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES**

If, prior to the satisfactory completion of the services under this Agreement, any party materially alters the scope, character or complexity of the services from those required under the Agreement, a Supplemental Agreement shall be executed between the parties. It is understood, however, that **LICENSEE** shall not engage in any activities or conduct any work which would be considered to be outside the scope of the permission granted to **LICENSEE** by the **DEPARTMENT**. Minor changes in the work which do not involve increased compensation, extension of time or changes in the goals and objectives of the work may be made by written notification of such change by any party with written approval by the other parties.

#### **ARTICLE IV ASSIGNMENT**

It is understood by the **LICENSEE** that the work is considered personal and, except as provided for in Article I, **LICENSEE** agrees not to assign, sublet or transfer any or all of their interest in this Agreement without prior written approval of the **DEPARTMENT**.

#### **ARTICLE V CONTRACT DISPUTES**

This Agreement shall be deemed to have been executed in Chatham County, Georgia, without reference to its choice of law doctrine, and all questions of interpretation and construction shall be governed by the laws of the State of Georgia. Any litigation arising out of this contract shall be commenced within the State of Georgia. The foregoing provisions shall not be construed as waiving any immunity to suit or liability, including without limitation, sovereign immunity which may be available to the Department.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

## INSURANCE

Prior to beginning work, the **LICENSEE** shall obtain and certify to the **DEPARTMENT** that it has the following minimum amounts of insurance coverage:

- (a) Workmen's Compensation Insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia.
- (b) Public Liability Insurance in an amount of not less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for injuries, including those resulting in death to any one person, and in an amount of not less than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) on an account of any one occurrence, or proof of self insurance.
- (c) Property Damage Insurance in an amount of not less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from damages on account of any occurrence, with an aggregate limit of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), or proof of self insurance.
- (d) Valuable Papers Insurance in an amount sufficient to assure the restoration of any plans, drawings, field notes, or other similar data relating to the work covered by the **PROJECT**.
- (e) Insurance shall be maintained in full force and effect during the life of the PROJECT.

The **LICENSEE** shall furnish upon request to the **DEPARTMENT**, certificates of insurance evidencing such coverage. These certificates **shall** also provide that the insurance will not be modified or canceled without a 30 day prior written notice to the **DEPARTMENT**. Failure by the **LICENSEE** to procure and maintain the insurance as set forth above shall be considered a default and cause for termination of this Agreement and forfeiture of the Performance and Payment Bonds. The **LICENSEE** shall, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the expiration date or dates of expiring policies, deposit certified copies of renewal, or new policies, or other acceptable evidence of insurance with the **DEPARTMENT**.

## ARTICLE VII COMPENSATION

It is agreed that **LICENSEE** shall conduct all work at no cost to the **DEPARTMENT**, and without compensation from the **DEPARTMENT**. It is further agreed that any **and all** issues relating to compensation and payment shall be resolved by and between **LICENSEE** and any successors, subcontractors, or assigns thereto.

The **DEPARTMENT** and **LICENSEE** further agree that, should the **DEPARTMENT** be required to conduct any inspections and/or supervision of the **PROJECT** beyond that which would normally occur in the ordinary course of the **DEPARTMENT'S** maintenance activities, **LICENSEE** shall reimburse the **DEPARTMENT** for such inspection and supervision. The rate of reimbursement for the **DEPARTMENT'S** inspection and supervision shall in no case exceed a rate determined to be reasonable by the parties.

Should **LICENSEE** and the **DEPARTMENT** desire to change this agreement at a later date to provide for compensation to **LICENSEE**, or any successors or assigns thereto, such change shall only be permitted by a supplemental agreement as set forth in Article III herein. Any supplemental agreements involving compensation shall be subject to the **DEPARTMENT** review and approval.

## ARTICLE VIII RESPONSIBILITY FOR CLAIMS AND LIABILITY LICENSEE NOT AGENT OF DEPARTMENT

**LICENSEE**, and its successors and assigns thereto, shall save harmless the **DEPARTMENT**, its officers, agents, employees from all suits, claims, actions or damages of any nature whatsoever resulting from the performance of work assigned to **LICENSEE** under this Agreement. **LICENSEE** further agrees that they shall be fully responsible for injury or damage to landscaping, landscape related items, and any other non-standard and decorative elements installed by or for the **LICENSEE** within the right of way, and for any damage to the **DEPARTMENT'S** signs, structures, or roadway fixtures, if **LICENSEE** causes the damage. These indemnities shall not be limited by reason of the listing of any insurance coverage.

It is further understood and agreed that **LICENSEE**, or any successor or assigns thereto, in the conduct of any work involved in the **PROJECT**, shall not be considered the agent of the **DEPARTMENT** or of the State of Georgia.

## ARTICLE IX TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

The **DEPARTMENT** may terminate this contract for just cause at any time by giving of thirty (30) days written notice of such termination. Upon receipt of such notice of termination, **LICENSEE** shall discontinue and cause all work under this contract to terminate upon the date specified in the said notice. In the event of such termination, the **DEPARTMENT** shall be paid for any amounts as may be due it as specified in Article VII up to and including the specified date of termination. **LICENSEE** shall have the right to terminate this contract at any time, provided that such termination is first approved by the **DEPARTMENT**, and that the **DEPARTMENT** is reimbursed in full for all services rendered pursuant to Article VII.

The **DEPARTMENT** and **LICENSEE** further agree that, should the **DEPARTMENT** allow the **LICENSEE** to terminate the agreement, the termination, unless determined otherwise in writing by the **DEPARTMENT**, shall be contingent upon the following:

- A. The **LICENSEE**, at the discretion of the **DEPARTMENT**, removing the planted landscaping, landscape related items, and any other non-standard and decorative elements that were installed by or for the **LICENSEE** at no cost to the **DEPARTMENT**.
- B. The **LICENSEE** restoring the removed landscape areas to their original condition or a condition that meets federal standards and is acceptable to the **DEPARTMENT**.
- C. The **LICENSEE** restoring the removed non-standard and decorative elements with standard **DEPARTMENT** elements that meet federal and state requirements.
- D. The **LICENSEE** reimbursing the **DEPARTMENT** in full any state and/or federal funds used to purchase and install the landscaping, landscape related items, and other non-standard and decorative elements that are no longer to be maintained by the **LICENSEE**.

The **DEPARTMENT** and the **LICENSEE** agree that, should the **LICENSEE** fail to perform the maintenance, as set forth in Article XI - **MAINTENANCE WORK PLAN**, the **DEPARTMENT** may require the **LICENSEE** to remove, restore, and reimburse according to items "A", "B", "C", and "D" above, as applicable, and then terminate the agreement.

#### **ARTICLE X COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW**

The undersigned certify that:

- A. This Agreement is subject to applicable state and federal laws, standards, and rules and regulations.
- B. The provisions of Sections 45-10-20 through 45-10-28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated relating to Conflict of Interest and State Employees and Officials Trading with the State have been complied with in full.
- C. The provisions of Section 50-24-1 through 50-24-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Drug-Free Workplace Act" have been complied with in full.

#### **ARTICLE XI MAINTENANCE WORK PLAN/LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

For all maintenance activities, at a minimum, abide by the Federal Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) standards, current edition, for temporary traffic control. Move equipment or materials on or across a traveled way in a manner as not to unduly interfere with traffic.

Watering:

- Provide adequate water to maintain healthy plant material
- Water in a manner that does not endanger pedestrian or vehicular traffic
- Water according to the state or local government restrictions

Seasonal Color (Annuals and Herbaceous Perennials) **(N/A to this project)**

- Install and maintain plant material at a height that does not interfere with clear sight lines for both pedestrians and vehicular traffic according to the Department's sight distance criteria.
- Maintain bare areas in seasonal beds with a minimum 3 inch cover of mulch
- Cut back perennials each year after they are spent to keep the beds free of vegetative debris

Ornamental Grasses **(N/A to this project)**

- Trim away dead foliage from ornamental grass clumps in February.

Pruning

- Remove dead or diseased plant vegetation.
- Prune trees, shrubs and ground covers to maintain the health of the plants and to maintain in the intended design character of the plant (no stump pruning or lollipop/ball shapes)
- Prune trees, shrubs, and ground covers as needed to remove damage by storm or accident events to prevent safety hazards. Prune to maintain open sight distances, clear zone areas and traffic sign visibility. Provide clearance for pedestrian and vehicular traffic mobility.
- Prune according to American National Standards Institute, latest edition, A300 Part 1 pruning standards

Plant Replacement

- Replacement of dead or diseased vegetation of planted material within the project limits is the responsibility of the **LICENSEE**.
- Replacement plant material must be according to the Department's landscaping policy 6755-9 and Special Provision Section 702.

Weeding

- Maintain right of way free of weeds, exotic and invasive pest plants, undesired vegetation and other noxious weeds
- All Pesticide/Herbicide use shall be under the direct supervision of someone with the appropriate Commercial Category 27 (right of way use) license.
- When pesticides/herbicides are being applied the person applying shall have in their possession all labeling associated with the pesticide/herbicide and their license/certification.
- Post warning signs for pesticide/herbicide use as required by state code.

Mowing and Trimming of Grass

- Maintain a neat appearance and clear sight lines for pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

Mulching

- Replace mulch in plant beds as needed to maintain an attractive, fresh look at a 2-3" depth
- Maintain mulch so that it will not spread or wash on to pedestrian paths or traveled lanes

Litter

- Completely remove all litter and debris and other objectionable material on site.
- Do not deposit or blow litter, debris and vegetation into gutters or drainage structures.
- Make disposal in accordance with local and state laws.
- Remove all graffiti within project limits.

Installed Sidewalks (N/A for this project)

- Install a statement of how the local government entity will handle the non-standard pavement treatment when GDOT resurfaces. Will the adjustment required to meet new grade be met by the local government entity signing the Mowing and Maintenance Agreement?

NOTE:

All major maintenance repair activities and activities that may interfere with traffic or pedestrian flow within the right of way project limits, such as travel lane/walkway closures, require the LICENSEE notify the Department at least 48 hours prior to the activity to coordinate and gain Department approval.

The covenants herein contained shall, except as otherwise provided, accrue to the benefit of and be binding upon the successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said parties have hereunto set their hand and affixed their seals the day and year above first written.

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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Commissioner or designee

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kate Pfirman  
Treasurer

**LICENSEE:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

Sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

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**4. REQUEST FROM LANDMARK 24, DEVELOPER, FOR THE COUNTY TO END THE WARRANTY PERIOD FOR FIVE OAKS SUBDIVISION AND RELEASE THE FINANCIAL GUARANTEE. [DISTRICT 1.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved for approval of a request from Landmark 24, developer, for the County to end the warranty period for Five Oaks Subdivision and release the financial guarantee. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-4**  
**AGENDA DATE: March 25, 2011**

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

**ISSUE:** To end the warranty period for Five Oaks Subdivision and release the financial guarantee.

**BACKGROUND:** The developer, Landmark 24, has completed all the punch list items required by the County. The developer requests that the County end the warranty period and release the financial guarantee.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Five Oaks Subdivision is a private single-family residential subdivision located off Old Montgomery Road. The Five Oaks Subdivision consists of 15 lots on 4 acres. The water and sewer is maintained by the City of Savannah Water Resources Bureau. The paving and drainage will be privately maintained by the Five Oaks Homeowner's Association.
2. Construction of the required improvements is complete. The improvements were inspected and found to be satisfactory.
3. The warranty period was initiated on February 26, 2010.
4. The developer submitted a letter of credit issued by Georgia Bank & Trust Company in Augusta in the amount of \$60,553 and now requests that the letter of credit be released.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. To end the warranty period and release the financial guarantee.
2. Do not approve the request.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** This action is consistent with the subdivision regulation regarding the bonding of required improvements.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commissioners adopt Alternative 1.

District 1.

PREPARED BY: Nick Milionis

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5. **REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE SETTLEMENT AND DISBURSEMENT STATEMENT FROM THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE BACK RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT ON U.S. 17.  
[DISTRICT 8.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved for approval to authorize the Chairman to sign the Settlement and Disbursement Statement from the Georgia Department of Transportation for the Back River Bridge Replacement project on U.S. 17. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-5**  
**AGENDA DATE: March 25, 2011**

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

**ISSUE:** That the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the Settlement and Disbursement Statement from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the Back River Bridge Replacement project on U.S. 17.

**BACKGROUND:** The GDOT is developing a bridge replacement project for the Back River Bridge on U.S. 17. The alignment of the new structure will require property that Chatham County owns from the acquisition of Pennyworth Island.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The Back River Bridge Replacement project is being administered by the GDOT. Construction of the project is scheduled for FY2012.
2. The area proposed for construction requires right of way from Chatham County. The GDOT made a request to Chatham County to convey the right of way to the GDOT through an Option For Right of Way agreement that the Board approved. The County donated the property to the GDOT for the project.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. That the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the Settlement and Disbursement Statement from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the Back River Bridge Replacement project on U.S. 17.
2. To not authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement.

**FUNDING:** No funding required.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** The Board must approve transfers of County property.

**RECOMMENDATION:** To approve Alternative 1.

District 8.

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**6. REQUEST FROM THOMAS & HUTTON, ENGINEER FOR THE DEVELOPER, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., FOR THE COUNTY TO RECORD THE SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR THE ENCLAVE, PHASE 3-A, AND WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR A STREETLIGHT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT. [DISTRICT 7.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve a request from Thomas & Hutton, engineer for the developer, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., for the County to record the subdivision plat for The Enclave, Phase 3-A, and waive the requirement for a streetlight assessment district. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-6**  
**AGENDA DATE: March 25, 2011**

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

**ISSUE:** To record the subdivision plat for The Enclave, Phase 3-A, and waive the requirement for a streetlight assessment district.

**BACKGROUND:** The engineer, Thomas & Hutton, requests for the developer, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., that the County approve the final plat for recording and waive the requirement for a streetlight assessment district.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The Enclave is a private single-family subdivision located within the Berwick Plantation development on Highway 17. Phase 3-A of The Enclave consists of 20 lots on 6.3 acres. Paving and drainage improvements will be maintained by The Enclave Homeowners' Association. Water and sewer will be maintained by Consolidated Utilities, Inc.
2. Staff approved construction plans and issued a permit. Construction of the improvements is now complete.
3. The developer requests that the Board waive the requirement for the streetlight assessment district, and have the Homeowners' Association maintain the streetlights. The Board previously approved waiving the streetlight assessment for The Enclave, Phases 1 & 2.

- 4. An Environmental Site Assessment was previously conducted on the subdivision in accordance with the Subdivision Ordinance. No environmentally unsafe conditions were found on the site.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1. To approve the recording of the subdivision plat for The Enclave, Phase 3-A and waive the requirement for a streetlight assessment district.
- 2. To not approve the request.

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commissioners adopt Alternative No. 1.

District 7

PREPARED BY: Chris Rains

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**7. REQUEST BOARD CONFIRM SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIRMAN ON A LIGHTING SERVICES-NESE STANDARD LEASE AGREEMENT WITH GEORGIA POWER FOR LED LIGHTING AT KINGS FERRY BOAT RAMP PARK. [DISTRICT 6.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved for approval for the Board to confirm signature of the Chairman on a Lighting Services-NESE Standard Lease Agreement with Georgia Power for LED lighting at Kings Ferry Boat Ramp Park. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-7**  
**AGENDA DATE: March 25, 2011**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners  
**THRU:** R. E. Abolt, County Manager  
**FROM:** Leon Davenport, P.E., Assistant County Engineer  
**ISSUE:** That the Board confirm signature of the Chairman on a Lighting Services - NESC Standard Lease Agreement with Georgia Power for LED lighting at Kings Ferry Boat Ramp Park.

**BACKGROUND:** Construction of paving and layout improvements for Kings Ferry Boat Ramp Park is currently underway. The Board previously approved a lighting agreement to provide metal halide lamps. The new agreement will void the original agreement and provide energy-efficient LED lighting.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

- 1. The Board approved a Lighting Agreement (Agreement) with Georgia Power on February 25, 2011 for lighting at Kings Ferry Boat Ramp Park. The Agreement required Georgia Power to install and maintain eleven (11) metal halide lamps on fiberglass poles at an up-front cost of \$17,256 and monthly costs of \$605. Subsequent to that agreement, staff received a risk assessment from the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department which identified the need for additional lighting.
- 2. Georgia Power prepared a new layout with 16 LED fixtures on aluminum poles for an up-front cost of \$71,818 and monthly costs of \$272. The revised plan provides more lighting with lower monthly energy consumption/costs.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1. That the Board confirm signature of the Chairman on a Lighting Services - NESC Standard Lease Agreement with Georgia Power for LED lighting at Kings Ferry Boat Ramp Park.
- 2. To not authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement.

**FUNDING:** Funds are available in the 2003-2008 SPLOST (Fund/Department 3234981/Account Code 54.14009/Project 32370447).

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** The Board must approve lease agreements.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** To approve Alternative 1.

District 6

Prepared by Suzanne Cooler, P.E.

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8. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT FOR CHATHAM COUNTY TO SERVE AS LEAD APPLICANT FOR FUNDING THE COASTAL GEORGIA GREENWAY AS PART OF THE APPROVED PROJECT LIST FOR COASTAL GEORGIA UNDER THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE GEORGIA TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT ACT (TIA).**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved for approval of a resolution and agreement for Chatham County to serve as Lead Applicant for funding the Coastal Georgia Greenway as part of the approved project list for coastal Georgia under the requirements of the Georgia Transportation Investment Act (TIA). Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-8**  
**AGENDA DATE: March 25, 2011**

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

**ISSUE:**

To approve a resolution and agreement for Chatham County to serve as Lead Applicant for funding for Coastal Georgia Greenway as part of the approved project list for coastal Georgia under the requirements of the Georgia Transportation Investment Act (TIA).

**BACKGROUND:**

The Chatham-Savannah CORE Metropolitan Planning Organization approved its Transportation Investment Act Funding list in February 2011. The list of projects includes \$80 million for the Coastal Georgia Greenway, a project which the Board of Commissioners has endorsed and funded in part since 1997. Funding would be dependent upon acceptance of the project on this region's list and voter approval of the 1% Transportation Sales Tax in the 2012 primary election.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. By agreement (see attached) with other local government partners in coastal Georgia, Chatham County as Lead Applicant would submit the Coastal Georgia Greenway Transportation Project for funding within this region's projects to be funded with the 1% Transportation Sales Tax. The project can be administered by the Lead Applicant or GDOT, but each applicant accepts responsibility for maintenance of the sections within its geographic boundaries.
2. Since 1997, Chatham County has identified the Coastal Georgia Greenway as among its highest trail and multi-purpose projects. The 300-mile network of trails extends through six coastal counties and would become part of the East Coast Greenway, a national network from Calais, Maine, to Key West, Florida. Besides its health benefits, the trail also meets goals of eco-tourism with economic benefits derived to communities along its route.
3. Chatham County previously served as Project Sponsor for other Coastal Georgia grants within the coastal region and entered into an intergovernmental agreement in 1999 to manage planning and route alignment.

**FUNDING:**

Funding would be dependent upon acceptance of the project on this region's list and voter approval of the 1% Transportation Sales Tax in the 2010 primary election.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. To approve a resolution and agreement for Chatham County to serve as Lead Applicant for funding the Coastal Georgia Greenway as part of the approved project list for coastal Georgia under the requirements of the Georgia Transportation Investment Act (TIA).
2. That the Board take no action.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

Since the adoption of the Coastal Georgia Greenway Master Plan by Chatham County and other local governments within coastal Georgia, Chatham County has assumed a leadership role in the project.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,**

The "Gateway to Coastal Georgia: Connecting the Coast," Master Plan, that calls for creation of the Coastal Georgia Greenway, has been adopted, in 1997, by previous action of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, and

WHEREAS,

The Coastal Georgia Greenway through-corridor route in Chatham County is defined in more detail in the Coastal Georgia Alternative Master Plan, December, 2003. The route description follows:

the Coastal Georgia Greenway trail will enter Chatham County at the US 17 bridge over the Ogeechee River, it will circle under the bridge as needed for access to/from Love Drive and along it to the Chatham County wetland mitigation site and then westerly to cross under the I-95 Bridge that is 0.45 miles north of the I-95 Bridge over the Ogeechee River; thence within Lower Ogeechee River Corridor Buffer lands, utilizing public access easements, to the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal Corridor. Then within the Bush Road, Savannah-Ogeechee Canal corridor, Canal Bank Road rights of way to and west along Quacco Road to the Pooler Parkway and crossing I-16, thence to Pine Barren Road and northeast to cross I-95; and thence to US 80 and along it to Tom Triplett Community Park; and entering the park on existing trails, proceed around the lake and back to the Savannah – Ogeechee Canal Corridor to and crossing Dean Forest Road, Chatham Parkway; Old Louisville Road and still within the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal corridor to and under Lynes Parkway; along the future First Century Campus to Louisville Road at the US 17 intersection and thence to the Roundhouse Complex and Savannah Visitor Center and proceeding along Fahm Street to Indian Street and west to Lock One of the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal at River Street and along it to Belles Ferry. On Hutchinson Island the trail will be located in accordance with the Hutchinson Island Civic Master Plan and back to the US 17 Bridge and crossing the Back River to the South Carolina line. Public access easements will be sought on portions of the identified route that is privately owned; and

WHEREAS,

When constructed, this route will be designated to the East Coast Greenway as part of that national trail linking Key West, Florida to Calais, Maine and Canada; and

WHEREAS,

During final design, the trail route may be modified within the named street and highway rights of way to meet schedule and budget requirements; and

WHEREAS,

Chatham County has by previous action of the Board of Commissioners, agreed to support, within its means, completion of the trails as defined in the 1997 master plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That the Chatham County Board of Commissioners agrees to be **LEAD APPLICANT** for the Coastal Georgia Greenway Alternative Transportation Project (**THE PROJECT**), for Bicycle and Pedestrian Project Transportation Investment Act of 2010 Unconstrained Investment Funding for those portions not existing or not currently funded that lie within its jurisdiction; and

Administration of **THE PROJECT** shall be funded as part of the project so that either the **LEAD APPLICANT** or **GDOT** shall be responsible for project delivery including design and construction. When funded, **THE PROJECT** shall be completed within the 10-year sales tax period; and

As **LEAD APPLICANT**, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners shall be responsible for maintenance of the portion of the project constructed within its jurisdiction; and

Adoption of this resolution authorizes **the Chairman** to enter all agreements and execute all documents pertaining to **THE PROJECT**, in particular the **APPLICANT LETTER OF AGREEMENT**.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Pete Liakakis, Chairman

AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHATHAM COUNTY AND  
JURISDICTIONS ALONG THE COASTAL GEORGIA GREENWAY:  
CITY OF SAVANNAH, BRYAN COUNTY, CITY OF RICHMOND HILL, LIBERTY COUNTY, CITY OF  
MIDWAY, CITY OF RICEBORO, McINTOSH COUNTY, CITY OF DARIEN, GLYNN COUNTY, CITY OF  
BRUNSWICK, CAMDEN COUNTY, CITY OF WOODBINE, CITY OF KINGSLAND, CITY OF ST. MARYS,  
GEORGIA

The Chatham-Savannah CORE Metropolitan Planning Organization approved its Transportation Investment Act Funding List in February 2011, that included the \$80 million Coastal Georgia Greenway project.

This Agreement is made and entered into as of the dates executed stated herein, by and between Chatham County, Georgia (LEAD APPLICANT):

**Pete Liakakis, Chairman**  
Board of Commissioners  
Chatham County  
124 Bull Street, Ste. 200  
P.O. Box 8161  
Savannah, Georgia 31401  
Phone: (912) 652-7878

a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, and the City of Savannah (APPLICANT)

**Otis Johnson, Mayor**  
City of Savannah  
P.O. Box 1027

Savannah, Georgia 31402  
Phone: 912-651-6444

a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, and Bryan County (APPLICANT)

**Jimmy Burnsed, Chairman**  
Board of Commissioners  
Bryan County  
51 North Courthouse Street  
Pembroke, GA 31321  
Phone: 912 653-3839

a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, and the City of Richmond Hill (APPLICANT)

**E. Harold Fowler, Mayor**  
City of Richmond Hill  
Post Office Box 250  
Richmond Hill, Georgia 31324  
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**John D. McIver, Chairman**  
Board of Commissioners  
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Hinesville GA 31313  
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**Dr. Clemontine Washington, Mayor**  
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Midway, GA 31320  
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**Bill Austin, Mayor**  
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Riceboro, GA 31323  
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**Kelly Spratt, Chairperson**  
Board of Commissioners  
McIntosh County  
P. O. Box 584  
Darien, GA 31305  
(912) 437-6686

a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, and the City of Darien (APPLICANT)

**John Cox, Mayor**  
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Board of Commissioners  
701 G Street  
Brunswick, GA 31520  
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**Bryan Thompson, Mayor**  
City of Brunswick  
601 Gloucester Street  
Brunswick, Georgia 31521-0550  
Phone: (912) 267-5500

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**David L. Rainer, Chairman**  
Board of Commissioners  
Camden County  
P.O. Box 99  
Woodbine, GA 31569  
Phone: (912) 510-0464

a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, and the City of Woodbine (APPLICANT)

**Steve Parrott, Mayor**  
City of Woodbine  
P. O. Box 26  
Woodbine, GA 31569  
Phone: (912) 576-3211

a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, and the City of Kingsland (APPLICANT)

**Kenneth Smith, Mayor**  
City of Kingsland  
P.O. Box 250  
Kingsland, GA 31548  
Phone: (912) 729-5613

a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, and the City of St. Marys (APPLICANT)

**William DeLoughy, Mayor**  
**City of St. Marys**  
418 Osborne Street  
St. Marys, Georgia 31558  
Phone: (912) 510-4041

## AGREEMENT

**The LEAD APPLICANT and APPLICANTS agree as follows:**

**LEAD APPLICANT** shall submit the regional Coastal Georgia Greenway Alternative Transportation Project (**THE PROJECT**), for Transportation Investment Act of 2010 Unconstrained Investment Funding for those portions not existing or currently funded. **THE PROJECT** route shall be as adopted by the **LEAD APPLICANT** and **APPLICANTS** in 2009: (See Attachment I, adopted resolutions), and specifically identified within the project application: (See Attachment II, Application).

Administration of **THE PROJECT** shall be funded as part of the project so that either the **LEAD APPLICANT** or **GDOT** shall be responsible for project delivery including design and construction. When funded, **THE PROJECT** shall be completed within the 10-year sales tax period.

**LEAD APPLICANT** shall be responsible for maintenance of the portion of the project constructed within its jurisdiction and in accordance with the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal Lease with the City of Savannah.

**APPLICANTS** shall be responsible for maintenance of the portion of the project constructed within their jurisdiction.

Execution of this agreement authorized **LEAD APPLICANT** and **APPLICANTS** to enter all agreements and execute all documents pertaining to **THE PROJECT**, the application for which is included as part of this agreement. (See Attachment II).

## BACKGROUND

**THE PROJECT** is ranked as the top priority bicycle facility to be developed in the region, according to the Coastal Georgia Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, adopted, May 11, 2005.

**THE PROJECT is consistent with local and regional bicycle and pedestrian plans:**

- MPO Long Range or Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):
  - CORE Connections 2035, Vol. 1, Framework Mobility Plan, adopted 9/17/09 (Chatham/Savannah)
  - Hinesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization 2035 Sustainable Mobility Plan, adopted 10/10
  - Brunswick MPO 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan
- County Capital Improvement Plans:
  - Chatham County Road Capital Improvement Program
  - Camden County Capital Improvement Element
- County/City Comprehensive Plan:
  - Regional Plan of Coastal Georgia, adopted 6/2/10
  - Chatham County - Savannah Tri-centennial Plan, Comprehensive Plan, 3/2006
  - Bryan County and the Cities of Pembroke and Richmond Hill Joint Comprehensive Plan, Community Agenda: Bryan County Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan
  - Hinesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, 2035 Sustainable Mobility Plan, Long Range Transportation Plan, adopted 10/14/2010
  - Comprehensive Plan, City of Darien, Partial Update, 7/08
  - City of Brunswick, Community Agenda, 5/08

- Camden County Joint Comprehensive Plan, City of Kingsland, St. Marys and Woodbine, 2007-2027, 04/08
- Transportation Study:
  - State Bicycle Plan: Routes 35, 85, 95, and 10
  - Bryan County Multi-Modal Study, adopted 12/21/09
- Other:
  - Gateway to Coastal Georgia Connecting the Coast Master Plan, adopted by 6 coastal counties, 1997;
  - "The Coastal Georgia Alternative, developing heritage and eco-tourism on the coast", trail route adopted in 2009, by 6 counties and nine cities through which the route passes.
  - The ARRA TIGER \$9,000,000 project adopted by Chatham County, 2009.
  - The ARRA TIGER \$19.6 Million project submitted by the Coastal Regional Commission, 2009, not awarded funding
  - Chatham Environmental Forum Report to Chatham County Board of Commissioners, 2009.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

Identified as the Coastal Georgia Greenway Alternative Transportation Route, THE PROJECT meets the following Transportation Investment Act of 2010 criteria:

1. **Support Georgia's economic growth and competitiveness**
2. **Ensure safety and security**
3. **Maximize the value of Georgia's assets, getting the most out of the existing network**
4. **Minimize the impacts to the environment**
5. **Enhances connectivity to:**
  - Regional employment and/or activity centers
  - Existing and planned transit, including bus stops and multi-modal centers

**FUNDING:**

THE LEAD APPLICANT shall apply for funding THE PROJECT through the Coastal Region's Transportation Investment Act tax revenue.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, said parties have hereunto set their hand and affixed their seals the day and year indicated below:

**CHATHAM COUNTY**  
 BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: Pete Liakakis  
 Title: Chairman, Board of Commissioners

**CITY OF SAVANNAH**  
 BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: Otis Johnson  
 Title: Mayor

Signed, sealed and delivered this \_\_\_\_\_  
 Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011  
 In the presence of \_\_\_\_\_

Signed, sealed and delivered this \_\_\_\_\_  
 Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011  
 In the presence of \_\_\_\_\_

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NOTARY PUBLIC

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This Agreement was approved by the  
 CHATHAM COUNTY  
 Board of Commissioners  
 At their meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

This Agreement was approved by the  
 SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL  
 At their meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

(Seal)  
COUNTY CLERK

(Seal)  
CITY CLERK

**BRYAN COUNTY**  
 BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: Jimmy Burnsed  
 Title: Chairman, Board of Commissioners

**CITY OF RICHMOND HILL**  
 BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: E. Harold Fowler  
 Title: Mayor

Signed, sealed and delivered this \_\_\_\_\_  
 Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011  
 In the presence of \_\_\_\_\_

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BRYAN COUNTY

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RICHMOND HILL CITY COUNCIL

Board of Commissioners  
At their meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

(Seal)  
COUNTY CLERK

**LIBERTY COUNTY**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: John D. McIver  
Title: Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Signed, sealed and delivered this \_\_\_\_\_  
Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011  
In the presence of \_\_\_\_\_

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LIBERTY COUNTY  
Board of Commissioners  
At their meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

(Seal)  
COUNTY CLERK

**McINTOSH COUNTY**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Kelly Spratt  
Title: Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Signed, sealed and delivered this \_\_\_\_\_  
Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011  
In the presence of \_\_\_\_\_

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McINTOSH COUNTY  
Board of Commissioners  
At their meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

(Seal)  
COUNTY CLERK

**GLYNN COUNTY**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Tom Sublett  
Title: Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Signed, sealed and delivered this \_\_\_\_\_  
Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011  
In the presence of \_\_\_\_\_

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GLYNN COUNTY  
Board of Commissioners  
At their meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

(Seal)  
COUNTY CLERK

**CAMDEN COUNTY**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: David L. Ranier  
Title: Chairman, Board of Commissioners

At their meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

(Seal)  
CITY CLERK

**CITY OF MIDWAY**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Dr. Clemontine Washington  
Title: Mayor

Signed, sealed and delivered this \_\_\_\_\_  
Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011  
In the presence of \_\_\_\_\_

NOTARY PUBLIC

This Agreement was approved by the  
MIDWAY CITY COUNCIL

At their meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

(Seal)  
CITY CLERK

**CITY OF DARIEN**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: John Cox  
Title: Mayor

Signed, sealed and delivered this \_\_\_\_\_  
Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011  
In the presence of \_\_\_\_\_

NOTARY PUBLIC

This Agreement was approved by the  
DARIEN CITY COUNCIL

At their meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

(Seal)  
CITY CLERK

**CITY OF BRUNSWICK**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Bryan Thompson  
Title: Mayor

Signed, sealed and delivered this \_\_\_\_\_  
Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011  
In the presence of \_\_\_\_\_

NOTARY PUBLIC

This Agreement was approved by the  
BRUNSWICK CITY COUNCIL

At their meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

(Seal)  
CITY CLERK

**CITY OF WOODBINE**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Steve Parrott  
Title: Mayor

Signed, sealed and delivered this \_\_\_\_\_  
Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011  
In the presence of \_\_\_\_\_

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Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011  
In the presence of \_\_\_\_\_

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This Agreement was approved by the  
CAMDEN COUNTY  
Board of Commissioners  
At their meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2011

This Agreement was approved by the  
WOODBINE CITY COUNCIL  
At their meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2011

(Seal)  
COUNTY CLERK

(Seal)  
CITY CLERK

**CITY OF KINGSLAND**  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Kenneth Smith  
Title: Chairman, Board of Commissioners

**CITY OF ST. MARYS**  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: William DeLoughy  
Title: Mayor

Signed, sealed and delivered this \_\_\_\_\_  
Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011  
In the presence of \_\_\_\_\_

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Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011  
In the presence of \_\_\_\_\_

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This Agreement was approved by the  
KINGSLAND CITY COUNCIL  
Board of Commissioners  
At their meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2011

This Agreement was approved by the  
ST. MARYS CITY COUNCIL  
At their meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2011

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COUNTY CLERK

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**9. REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT, INCLUDING THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, AT MEMORIAL STADIUM FOR THE ALEE TEMPLE SHRINE FOR THE REBIRTH OF NIGHT IN OLD SAVANNAH.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved for approval to authorize a Special Event Permit, including the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages, at Memorial Stadium for the Alee Temple Shrine for the rebirth of *Night in Old Savannah*. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-9**  
**AGENDA DATE: March 25, 2011**

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

ISSUE:  
To authorize a Special Event Permit, including the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages, at Memorial Stadium for the Alee Temple Shrine for the rebirth of *Night in Old Savannah*.

BACKGROUND:  
On second reading on this agenda, the Board will consider amending the County Code to allow the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on County property with the Board's approval of a Special Event Permit. The issue arose in part because Alee Temple Shrine wants to sponsor a rebirth of the long-time festival, *Night in Old Savannah*. The festival thrived for many years based on popular interest in the area's culture and food, but the event slipped away as interest waned.

FACTS & FINDINGS:  
1. On second reading on this agenda, the Board will consider an amendment to the County Code to allow the consumption and sale of alcoholic beverages with a Special Event Permit. If approved,

Alee Temple Shrine has requested a Special Event permit with the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages at Memorial Stadium.

- 2. The event will be *Night in Old Savannah*, which celebrates the community's heritage in food and drink. The event will be family-oriented with live bands and celebration of food. A selected vendor with a pouring license and insurance will provide alcoholic beverages under contract to Alee Temple Shrine.
- 3. The organization has also asked Chatham County to waive the first-year fee for use of Memorial Stadium to help cover the inaugural year's expenses. The non-profit organization will help provide clean-up and security.

FUNDING:

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. That the Board approve the Special Event Permit which allows the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages at Memorial Stadium for Alee Temple Shrine.
- 2. That the Board deny the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages at Memorial Stadium (Alee Temple Shrine could apply for a Special Event permit without Board approval).
- 3. That the Board take no action.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State law provides the Board with discretion of policy on matters involving the management and control of County property.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

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**10. REQUEST FOR NEW BEER RETAIL LICENSE FOR 2011. PETITIONER: JANHVI K. AMIN, D/B/A COUNTY CORNER, LOCATED AT 2505 A FORT ARGYLE ROAD, 31419. [DISTRICT 7.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved for approval of a request for new beer retail license for 2011. Petitioner: Janhvi K. Amin, d/b/a County Corner, located at 2505 A Fort Argyle Road, 31419. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-10**  
**AGENDA DATE: March 25, 2011**

TO: Board of Commissioners

THROUGH: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

ISSUE

Request for approval of a new beer retail license for 2011, Janhvi K. Amin dba County Corner, located at 2505 A Fort Argyle Road, Savannah, Georgia 31419.

BACKGROUND

Ms. Amin requests approval of a new beer retail license in connection with an existing convenience store. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS

- 1. The application was reviewed by the Police Department for compliance of the applicant and site distance requirements and approved.
- 2. The returned application was reviewed by Building Safety. The County Fire Marshal inspected the site for compliance and approved the facility.
- 3. The applicant and business meet the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.

4. The applicant has been notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing.

RECOMMENDATION

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

District 7

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

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Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

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Chief Willie Lovett

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**11. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE AND SUNDAY SALES LICENSE FOR 2011. PETITIONER: E. CRAIG MEYER, D/B/A SAVANNAH YACHT CLUB, INC., LOCATED AT 730 BRADLEY POINT ROAD, 31410. [DISTRICT 1.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved for approval of a request for transfer of beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday Sales license for 2011. Petitioner: E. Craig Meyer, d/b/a Savannah Yacht Club, Inc., located at 730 Bradley Point Road, 31410. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-11**  
**AGENDA DATE: March 25, 2011**

TO: Board of Commissioners  
THROUGH: R. E. Abolt, County Manager  
FROM: GREGORI S. ANDERSON, DIRECTOR OF BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES  
WILLIE LOVETT, CHIEF OF POLICE

ISSUE

Request for a transfer of beer, wine, and liquor pouring license and Sunday Sales license for 2011, E. Craig Meyer, d/b/a Savannah Yacht Club, Inc., located at 730 Bradley Point Road, Savannah, Georgia 31410.

BACKGROUND

Mr. Meyer requests approval of transfer of beer, wine, and liquor pouring license and Sunday Sales license in connection with an existing private club. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. The license is being transferred from Clayton S. Scott to E. Craig Meyer.

FACTS AND FINDINGS

- 1. The application was reviewed by the Police Department for compliance of the applicant and site distance requirements and approved.
- 2. The returned application was reviewed by Building Safety. The County Fire Marshal inspected the site for compliance and approved the facility.
- 3. The applicant and business meet the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.
- 4. The applicant has been notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing.

RECOMMENDATION

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

District 1

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Willie Lovett

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**12. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF BEER AND WINE RETAIL LICENSE FOR 2011. PETITIONER: JEFFREY GLEN HENRY, D/B/A KROGER #460, LOCATED AT 7 DIAMOND CAUSEWAY, 31406. [DISTRICT 4.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved for approval of a request for transfer of beer and wine retail license for 2011. Petitioner: Jeffrey Glen Henry, d/b/a Kroger #460, located at 7 Diamond Causeway, 31406. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-12**  
**AGENDA DATE: March 25, 2011**

TO: Board of Commissioners  
THROUGH: R. E. Abolt, County Manager  
FROM: GREGORI S. ANDERSON, DIRECTOR OF BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES  
WILLIE LOVETT, CHIEF OF POLICE

ISSUE  
Request for transfer of beer and wine retail license for 2011, Jeffrey Glen Henry, d/b/a Kroger #460, located at 7 Diamond Causeway, Savannah, Georgia 31406.

BACKGROUND  
Mr. Henry requests approval of a transfer of beer and wine retail license in connection with an existing grocery store. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. The license is being transferred from Roy Wilber Smith to Jeffrey Glen Henry.

- FACTS AND FINDINGS
1. The application was reviewed by the Police Department for compliance of the applicant and site distance requirements and approved.
  2. The returned application was reviewed by Building Safety. The County Fire Marshal inspected the site for compliance and approved the facility.
  3. The applicant and business meet the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.
  4. The applicant has been notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing.

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

District 4

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Willie Lovett

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**13. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF BEER AND WINE RETAIL LICENSE FOR 2011. PETITIONER: JEFFREY GLEN HENRY, D/B/A KROGER #609, LOCATED AT 496 JOHNNY MERCER DRIVE, 31410. [DISTRICT 4.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved for approval of a request for transfer of beer and wine retail license for 2011. Petitioner: Jeffrey Glen Henry, d/b/a Kroger #609, located at 496 Johnny Mercer Drive, 31410. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-13**  
**AGENDA DATE: March 25, 2011**

TO: Board of Commissioners

THROUGH: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

ISSUE

Request for transfer of beer and wine retail license for 2011, Jeffrey Glen Henry, d/b/a Kroger #609, located at 495 Johnny Mercer Drive, Savannah, Georgia 31410.

BACKGROUND

Mr. Henry requests approval of a transfer of beer and wine retail license in connection with an existing grocery store. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. The license is being transferred from Roy Wilber Smith to Jeffrey Glen Henry.

FACTS AND FINDINGS

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

District 4

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Willie Lovett

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**14. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF BEER AND WINE RETAIL LICENSE FOR 2011.  
PETITIONER: JEFFREY GLEN HENRY, D/B/A KROGER #645, LOCATED AT 5720  
OGEECHEE ROAD, 31405.  
[DISTRICT 7.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved for approval of a request for transfer of beer and wine retail license for 2011. Petitioner: Jeffrey Glen Henry, d/b/a Kroger #645, located at 5720 Ogeechee Road, 31405. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-14**  
**AGENDA DATE: March 25, 2011**

TO: Board of Commissioners

THROUGH: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

ISSUE

Request for transfer of beer and wine retail license for 2011, Jeffrey Glen Henry, d/b/a Kroger #645, located at 5720 Ogeechee Road, Savannah, Georgia 31405.

BACKGROUND

Mr. Henry requests approval of a transfer of beer and wine retail license in connection with an existing grocery store. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. The license is being transferred from Roy Wilber Smith to Jeffrey Glen Henry.

FACTS AND FINDINGS

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

District 7

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

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Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

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Chief Willie Lovett

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**15. REQUEST FOR NEW LIQUOR POURING LICENSE FOR 2011. PETITIONER: GARY JOHN HALL, D/B/A WRIGHT SQUARE CAFÉ OF SANDFLY, LLC, LOCATED AT 7360 SKIDAWAY ROAD #E-1, 31406. [DISTRICT 3.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved for approval of a request for new liquor pouring license for 2011. Petitioner: Gary John Hall, d/b/a Wright Square Café of Sandfly, LLC, located at 7360 Skidaway Road #E-1, 31406. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-15**  
**AGENDA DATE: March 25, 2011**

TO: Board of Commissioners

THROUGH: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

ISSUE

Request approval for a new liquor pouring license for 2011, Gary John Hall, d/b/a Wright Square Café of Sandfly, LLC, located at 7360 Skidaway Road, #E-1, Savannah, Georgia 31406.

BACKGROUND

Mr. Hall requests approval for a new liquor pouring license in connection with a new restaurant.

FACTS AND FINDINGS

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

District 3

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

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Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

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Chief Willie Lovett

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**16. REQUEST FOR NEW WINE RETAIL LICENSE FOR 2011. PETITIONER: JITENDRA PATEL, D/B/A GAS & MOORE, LOCATED AT 4700 U.S. HIGHWAY 80 EAST, SUITE K, 31410. [DISTRICT 1.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved for approval of a request for new wine retail license for 2011. Petitioner: Jitendra Patel, d/b/a Gas & Moore, located at 4700 U.S. Highway 80 East, Suite K, 31410. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-16**  
**AGENDA DATE: March 25, 2011**

TO: Board of Commissioners  
THROUGH: R. E. Abolt, County Manager  
FROM: GREGORI S. ANDERSON, DIRECTOR OF BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES  
WILLIE LOVETT, CHIEF OF POLICE

ISSUE  
Request approval for a new wine retail license for 2011, Jitendra Patel dba Gas & Moore, located at 4700 U.S. Highway 80, East, Suite K, Savannah, Georgia 31410.

BACKGROUND  
Mr. Patel requests approval of a new wine retail license in connection with an existing convenience store. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.

- FACTS AND FINDINGS
1. The application was reviewed by the Police Department for compliance of the applicant and site distance requirements and approved.
  2. The returned application was reviewed by Building Safety. The County Fire Marshal inspected the site for compliance and approved the facility.
  3. The applicant and business meet the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.
  4. The applicant has been notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing.

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

District 1

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

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Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

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Chief Willie Lovett

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**17. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE AND SUNDAY SALES LICENSE FOR 2011. PETITIONER: AMANDA ELLIOT, D/B/A THE MARSHES OF SKIDAWAY ISLAND, LOCATED AT 95 SKIDAWAY ISLAND PARK ROAD, 31411. [DISTRICT 4.]**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved for approval of a request for transfer of beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday Sales license for 2011. Petitioner: Amanda Elliot, d/b/a The Marshes of Skidaway Island, located at 95

Skidaway Island Park Road, 31411. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-17**  
**AGENDA DATE: March 25, 2011**

TO: Board of Commissioners  
THROUGH: R. E. Abolt, County Manager  
FROM: GREGORI S. ANDERSON, DIRECTOR OF BUILDING SAFETY  
AND REGULATORY SERVICES  
WILLIE LOVETT, CHIEF OF POLICE

ISSUE

Request for a transfer of beer, wine, and liquor pouring license and Sunday Sales license for 2011, Amanda Elliot, d/b/a The Marshes of Skidaway Island, located at 95 Skidaway Island Park Road, Savannah, Georgia 31411.

BACKGROUND

Ms. Elliot requests approval of transfer of beer, wine, and liquor pouring license and Sunday Sales license in connection with an existing private club. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. The license is being transferred from Clayton S. Scott to E. Craig Meyer.

FACTS AND FINDINGS

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

District 4

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

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Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

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Chief Willie Lovett

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved for approval to award bids as follows: (Please note that new purchase thresholds of \$10,000 or more have been enacted; however, contracts and change orders of a lesser amount still will appear.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
A. Change Order No. 1 to the contract to provide drainage, base and paving on Billings Road for additional work	Engineering	Clifton Construction (WBE)	\$12,042	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Unincorporated County Roads, Billings

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
B. Confirmation of the acceptance of the insurance quote for the placement of Builders Risk Insurance for the Detention Center Expansion project	Special Projects	Wells Fargo	\$84,604	CIP - Detention Center Expansion Project
C. Professional services contracts for the "as required" instruction and supervision of youth under the jurisdiction of Juvenile Court	Juvenile Court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Robert Campbell (MBE)</li> <li>•Brenda Davis (WBE)</li> <li>•Barbara Davis (WBE)</li> <li>•Jerome Davis (MBE)</li> <li>•Tanya Lewis (WBE)</li> <li>•Antoinette Mulliono (WBE)</li> <li>•William Sanders (MBE)</li> <li>•Phillip Thompson (MBE)</li> <li>•Kenneth Williams (MBE)</li> </ul>	Varies by years of experience	Supervision fees collected by Juvenile Court
D. Change Order No. 1 to the contract to provide and install an occupancy light sensor system at the Judicial Courthouse for additional out of scope work and a 15 day contract extension	Special Projects	All Electric and Specialty Systems (WBE)	Not to Exceed \$8,553	SPLOST (2008-2013) - Courthouse Construction
E. Contract to upgrade the electrical service system at Memorial Stadium	Public Works and Park Services	Harbor Construction and Contracting, LLC	\$35,952	CIP - Parks and Recreation
F. Construction contract for the Norwood Outfall #2 drainage improvement project	Engineering	Pine Valley Concrete Company	\$190,055	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Drainage, Norwood Avenue
G. Professional services contract to provide pavement assessment	Public Works and Park Services	MDS Technologies, Inc.	\$30,550	CIP - Public Works
H. Professional contract for the design and engineering of the Garden City and Islands Branch Libraries	Library	Greenline Architecture	\$697,500	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Garden City and Islands Libraries

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
I. Change Order No. 2 to the professional services contract for the design of Turner's Creek Boat Ramp Improvements project to extend the contract until 31 December 2011	Engineering	Thomas & Hutton	N/A	No funding required
J. Two (2) Brush Mowers and One (1) Concord Tailgate Conveyor/Bermer	Fleet Operations	Reynolds-Warren Equipment Company of Lake City, GA	\$33,441	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Fleet Replacement
K. Declare older vehicles as surplus and authorize sale at auction or to dispose of as scrap material	Fleet Operations	N/A	N/A	No funding required
L. Extend Professional Services agreement for accounting services for an additional six (6) months	ICS	Dean Kirkland	Not to exceed \$40 per hour	•General Fund/M & O - ICS •PSIC Grant
M. Community Greenhouse Gas Emission Study	Special Projects	Chatham Environmental	\$75,000	EECBG Grant
N. Change Order No.7 to close out the contract for the Records Center Construction	Special Projects	Choate	\$44,585	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Courthouse Construction
O. Extend lease agreement for six (6) months for 408 West Broughton Street	Special Projects	410 West Broughton LLC	\$29,094	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Courthouse Construction
P. Additional tree planting and relocation to expand playground for Mother Mathilda Beasley Park	Special Projects	Savannah Tree Foundation	\$31,000	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Mother Mathilda Beasley Park
Q. Dismantling surplus communications tower at Public Works	Special Projects	Tower & Communications Services	\$11,400	FEMA Grant Funding

**AGENDA ITEM: X-18**  
**AGENDA DATE: March 25, 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. 1, in the amount of \$12,042, to the construction contract with Clifton Construction, Inc. (a WBE firm) for installation of a concrete sidewalk on Montgomery Cross Road, adjacent to Billings Road.

**BACKGROUND:** On 17 December 2010, the Board awarded a construction contract to Clifton Construction, Inc. for \$66,180 to provide drainage, base and paving on Billings Road.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The sidewalk currently ends 326 feet north of Billings Road. Installation of 550 ft of sidewalk would complete the sidewalk on Montgomery Cross Road to where the future Skidaway Road project will begin.
2. Clifton Construction, Inc. has equipment and work crews on Billings Road adjacent to Montgomery Cross Road, eliminating mobilization costs from the price of the work. Staff believes that the price quoted for the work is fair and reasonable.
3. Contract History:

Original Contract (12-17-10)	\$ 66,180
Change Order No. 1 (pending)	<u>\$ 12,042</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$ 78,222

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2003 - 2008) - Unincorporated County Roads, Billings  
(3234220 - 52.12003 - 32356427)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

6. Board approval of Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$12,042, to the construction contract with Clifton Construction, Inc. (a WBE firm) for installation of a concrete sidewalk on Montgomery Cross Road, adjacent to Billings Road.
8. Provide staff other direction.

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
CHRIS MORRIS

**ITEM B**

**ISSUE:** Request Board confirmation of the acceptance of the insurance quote of \$84,604 from the County's broker of record, Wells Fargo, for the placement of Builders Risk Insurance for the Detention Center Expansion Project.

**BACKGROUND:** Builders Risk will protect the County's insurable interest in materials, fixtures and equipment being used in the construction or renovation at the Detention Center. This multi-risk property coverage protects the County, contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers for Hard Construction Costs up to \$74 million. The proposed policy period is from 1 April 2011 to 31 October 2013, or until a Certificate of Occupancy is issued. Coverage can be extended for an additional premium.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Liberty Mutual Insurance Company has offered a quote in the amount of \$84,604 for Builders Risk coverage for this project. Liberty Mutual has also offered coverage under the Terrorism Act of 2001 (TRIA) for an additional term premium of \$11,903. TRIA coverage is optional and is not recommended.
2. Hunt/Mills, Joint Venture bid Builders Risk insurance for this project at \$150,000.
3. The Liberty Mutual quotation also offers Soft Cost/Delay in Completion Coverage at a limit of \$4 Million; Named Storm Coverage; Flood; Earthquake; Damage to Property In Transit and while stored at a temporary location; Debris Removal; Cold Testing; and Expediting Expenses.
4. Coverage is subject to deductibles for Flood, Earthquake, Named Storms, Water Damage; and any Delay in Completion Waiting Period.
5. Mold, Hot Testing and Land (Values) are not included in coverage.
6. Any claims would be paid directly to Chatham County.

7. In the interest of not holding up the issuance of the "Notice to Proceed," staff requested emergency approval from the Chair to purchase the Builder's Risk policy. He concurred (see attached page 22) and directed staff to seek confirmation at their next scheduled meeting.

**FUNDING:** CIP – Detention Center Expansion  
(3803355 - 52.31021 - 38060407- 52.31021)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Request Board confirmation of the acceptance of the insurance quote of \$84,604 from the County's broker of record, Wells Fargo, for the placement of Builders Risk Insurance for the Detention Center Expansion Project.
2. Allow Hunt/Mills, Joint Venture to purchase Builders Risk on behalf of the County, the contractors, and suppliers.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** Builders Risk insurance will protect the property interests of the County, contractors, subcontractors and suppliers for the duration of construction.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
TOM DRANE

**ITEM C**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of Professional Service Contracts, (PSC's) with automatic renewals for two (2) additional one (1) year terms, for the "as required" instruction and supervision of youth under the jurisdiction of Juvenile Court.

**BACKGROUND:** The work squad program, which has operated for 15 years, provides community service opportunities to children who have been ordered by Juvenile Court to perform community service as symbolic restitution or as a consequence or sanction for a violation.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The community service work program operates on Saturdays. There are nine (9) personnel currently providing professional services for the Juvenile Court under this contract PSC's. Work Squad supervision duties include: taking reasonable actions to assure the safety of the children and other persons with whom they come in contact, teaching the children the rules of the Work Squad, instructing them in the performance of the respective job assignments, overseeing the performance of their job assignments and duties, and performing light maintenance on Work Squad maintenance equipment on a periodic basis.
2. These contract services are provided by off-duty County employees serving in the capacity of "Independent Contractors" and as such will be provided IRS Form 1099-MISC from County Finance. The contracts with the service providers establish accountability for their performance and direction regarding avoidance of conflict of interest. The contracts make it clear that the only professional services for which payment can be made under the contract are those which are clearly beyond the duties performed as employees of the County.
3. Hourly Fees are based on years of experience at the following rates:

<u>Years of Experience</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Less than 2 years	\$14.00
2 to 4 years	\$15.00
4 to 6 years	\$16.00
6 to 8 years	\$17.00
8 or more years	\$18.00
Work Squad Supervisor	\$23.00

4. Hourly fees paid to each of the additional service providers are as follows:

• Robert Campbell	\$16.00	8 August 2011
* Brenda Davis	\$17.00	
* Barbara Davis	\$17.00	
• Jerome Davis	\$17.00	
* Tanya Lewis	\$17.00	9 April 2011
* Antoinette Mulliono	\$16.00	27 October 2011
• William Sanders	\$14.00	
• Phillip Thompson	\$18.00	
• Kenneth Williams	\$16.00	8 August 2011

- MBE
- \* WBE

- 5. Management of the contract will be under the technical and administrative directions of an individual designated by the Judge. The designee is prohibited from receiving any fees from the contract. All documents and information regarding these contracts will be immediately available for an audit upon the request of the County's Internal Audit Director.
- 6. O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-56.1 authorizes the Juvenile Court to collect supervision fees from children who are referred to the Court. The Code specifically authorizes the use of these funds for work experience programs.

**FUNDING:** Supervision Fees collected by Juvenile Court  
(2179934-57.30101)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1. Board approval of professional service contracts, with automatic renewals for two (2) additional year terms, for the "as required" instruction and supervision of youth under the jurisdiction of Juvenile Court.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve Professional Services Contracts for "Independent Contractors" for Juvenile Community Service Work Program that serves the best of interest of County.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
GLORIA SLAUGH

**ITEM D**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of Change Order No. 1, in the not to exceed amount of \$8,553 to the construction contract with All Electric & Specialty Systems, a WBE firm, for additional out of scope work and a 15-day extension.

**BACKGROUND:** On 10 October 2010, the Board approved a construction contract to All Electric & Specialty Systems to provide and install an occupancy light sensor system at the Judicial Courthouse.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

- 1. Occupancy light sensors are being installed to lower the cost of electrical power for the Judicial Courthouse. Sensors are being installed in all offices, courtrooms, hallways, stairwells and lobbies and are motion activated.
- 2. During the course of installation, the contractor has encountered unsafe conditions above the ceilings which required immediate repairs that include parts and additional; time and labor.
- 3. The unsafe conditions were unforeseen at the time of design and specifications for this project.
- 4. Contractor provided a cost for the out of scope additional work that is required to properly install the occupancy light sensor system. In addition, a 15-day extension to the completion date is requested.
- 5. Staff, along with Rosser International the consultant for this project, has reviewed the request and believes the cost and extension request provided by All Electric and Specialty Systems to be fair and reasonable.
- 6. Contract history is as follows:

Original Contract Amount (10-08-10)	\$38,363
Change Order No. 1 (Pending)	<u>\$ 8,553</u> (not to exceed amount)
Revised Contract Amount	\$46,916

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2008 - 2013) - Courthouse Construction  
(3244980 - 54.13011 - 32460427)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1. Board approval of Change Order No. 1, in the not to exceed amount of \$8,553 to the construction contract with All Electric & Specialty Systems, a WBE firm, for additional out of scope work and a 15-day extension.
- 2. Provide staff 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
TOM DRANE

**ITEM E**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award a \$35,952 construction contract to Harbor Construction and Contracting LLC. to upgrade the electrical service system that will support the newly installed tankless water heaters located at Memorial Stadium.

**BACKGROUND:** The current electrical system at Memorial Stadium is outdated and is unable to support the two (2) new tankless water heaters installed at the stadium. The water heaters provide an upgrade to the stadium, allowing for continued service to the community. The Stadium hosts football games for all Chatham County area public schools, local colleges, private institutions, and is a host for many other public and private events.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The electrical system at Memorial Stadium is more than 40 years old and upgrades are necessary to maintain functionality and safety for our citizens and surrounding communities. As the stadium ages it is necessary to continuously upgrade and renovate various operating components of the stadium in order to extend the useful life of the facility.
2. Plans and specifications were developed by Smith and VandenBulck. The project was properly advertised and two (2) bids were received and opened on 10 March 2011. Bids responses are as follows:

Harbor Construction and Contracting LLC. Savannah, GA	\$35,952
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Delta Electric Savannah, GA	\$56,985
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3. All of the electrical work being done at the stadium will be subcontracted to Godbee & Rimes Electrical. Godbee & Rimes is the electrical contractor who performs the annual electrical inspection and repairs to Chatham County facilities.
4. Staff reviewed the bids and references and believes the low bid provided by Harbor Construction and Contracting, LLC to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** CIP - Parks and Recreation  
(3506100 - 54.13001 - 35031307)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to award a \$35,952 construction contract to Harbor Construction and Contracting LLC. to upgrade the electrical service system that will support the newly installed tankless water heaters located at Memorial Stadium.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
CHRIS MORRIS

**ITEM F**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$190,055 construction contract with Pine Valley Concrete Company for the Norwood Outfall #2 Drainage Improvements project.

**BACKGROUND:** The Norwood Outfall #2 Drainage Improvements project is part of the 2003-2008 SPLOST Drainage Program. Problems being addressed include the limited drainage capacity and the lack of access to perform maintenance.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The project is located on Norwood Avenue between Norwood Place and Doe Tail Court. Problems associated with the existing drainage system include property flooding. These problems are attributed to the undersized culverts and the limited drainage capacity of the existing ditch. The project includes installing a pipe system to replace the ditch to increase capacity.
2. The project was properly advertised and ten (10) bids were received and opened 2 March 2011. The bid responses are as follows:

Pine Valley Concrete Company Meansville, GA	\$190,055
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	Harbor Construction & Contracting, LLC Savannah, GA	\$197,449
*	Savannah River Utilities Company Springfield, GA	\$219,621
	McClendon Enterprises, Inc. Vidalia, GA	\$260,072
*	Kemi Construction, Inc. Atlanta, GA	\$260,682
**	E&D Contracting Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$272,789
	Southern Champion Construction, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$285,204
**	First City Utilities, LLC Savannah, GA	\$295,791
*	Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc. Hardeeville, SC	\$319,480
	Eagle Excavating, Inc. Ellenwood, GA	\$337,512

\*MBE firm  
\*\*WBE firm

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2003 - 2008) - Drainage, Norwood Avenue  
(3234250 - 54.14021 - 32380147)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$190,055 construction contract with Pine Valley Concrete Company for the Norwood Outfall #2 Drainage Improvements project.
2. Provide staff other directions.

**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 G**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award a \$30,550 professional services contract to MDS Technologies, Inc., to provide pavement assessment of various County roads for Public Works and Park Services.

**BACKGROUND:** The Public Works and Park Services Department desires to update the Pavement Condition Assessment Report of a portion of roadways in the unincorporated area of the County. In 2008, the department contracted to have all roadways in the unincorporated area of the County assessed to support prioritizing the expenditure of resurfacing dollars.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. After the initial assessment in 2008, the department now desires to periodically reevaluate roadways in the unincorporated area of the County. The reevaluation process will begin with an assessment of the roads on the islands and then move west. The first phase will encompass evaluating approximately 1/3 of County roadways. Follow on evaluations will be conducted as funds are available.
2. Phase One is all roadways in the unincorporated area owned by the County, east of Burnside and Skidaway Rivers and east of Savannah and Thunderbolt City limits. The estimated distance is 120 miles.
3. An overview of the project will involve capturing roadway conditions in digital format in 15 foot intervals, evaluation of the road network and providing a numerical ranking, integrating the images into ArcGis, upload new data in the County's Pavement View database and confirmation that data is uploaded and accessible by department staff.

4. The project was properly advertised and four (4) bids were received and opened on 1 March 2011. Bids responses are as follows:

MDS Technologies, Inc. Park Ridge, IL	\$34,950
Terracon Consulting Engineers & Scientists Savannah, GA	\$137,800
Nova Engineering Kennesaw, GA	\$299,760
TansMap Columbus, OH	Non-responsive

5. After review of the bids, the department eliminated Task Three of the project, which was an optional task. This elimination results in the low bid submitted by MDS Technologies, Inc. to be \$30,550. MDS Technologies Inc. is the vendor that conducted the initial evaluation of the roadways in 2008.

**FUNDING:** CIP - Public Works  
(3504100 - 54.14001 - 35030837)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to award a \$30,550 professional services contract to MDS Technologies, Inc., to provide pavement assessment of various County roads for Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
CHRIS MORRIS

**ITEM H**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award a \$697,500 professional services contract to Greenline Architecture for the design and engineering services for the new Garden City and Islands Branch Libraries.

**BACKGROUND:** In 2002, Live Oak Public Libraries adopted its Long Range Facilities Plan that identified area of growth and population shifts within Chatham County. The Plan outlined the need for a new, more centrally located Islands Library and Westside Library. The Islands Library recognized the population growth and the shift within Eastside of the County. The Westside Library recognized not only the changing demographics but also acknowledged the potential growth. Both areas needed larger, better located library buildings. For SPLOST IV, these two (2) projects were included in the 5<sup>th</sup> year concurrently and have similar, if not identical, floor plans.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. This project consists of the design and engineering of two (2) additional branches for the Live Oak Library system. One (1) branch is to be located in Garden City, with the other to be located in the Islands area. Each library is to be approximately 18,000 to 20,000 sq. feet.
2. Staff was directed for this project to contract with a design firm, along with a Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) firm. The purpose is to have the design firm work together with the CMR early on in the project to guarantee the maximum quality at the best value to the County. Staff is currently working on the CMR proposals/ interviews and will be prepared to recommend a CMR firm to the Board within 30 - 45 days. For the CMR to work properly to guarantee the County the best value, it is important to make sure to award both contracts as close together as possible.
3. Proposals were solicited for Design/Engineering Services for the two (2) new libraries. Seventeen design firms submitted proposals. The proposals were scored by the evaluation committee and the top five (5) high scoring firms were interviewed. (See attached matrix pages 23-26 for detailed scoring). After scoring the proposals and interviews, Greenline earned the highest score.
4. Staff and Greenline Architecture then negotiated a final Scope of Services and the fee of \$697,500 for this project. Staff believes that the negotiated fee from Greenline Architecture is fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2003 - 2008) - Garden City and Islands Libraries  
(3234980 - 54.14311 - 32360217)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1. Board approval to award a \$697,500 professional services contract to Greenline Architecture for the design and engineering services for the new Garden City and Islands Branch Libraries.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to award design contracts to the highest scoring firm.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
CHRIS MORRIS

**ITEM I**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of Change Order No. 2, to extend the professional engineering services contract, with Thomas & Hutton for the design of the Turner’s Creek Boat Ramp Improvements until 31 December 2011.

**BACKGROUND:** The Board previously approved a professional engineering services contract with Thomas & Hutton for the design of the Turner’s Creek Boat Ramp Improvements. With the acquisition of the adjacent Wilmington Island Seafood Co-op site, the scope of the project essentially tripled.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

- 1. The original project scope only included paving the existing road and parking area. The original contract with Thomas & Hutton expired with a balance of \$36,360 left unspent. This change order is only to extend the length of the contract until 31 December 2011 so that all of the remaining work as well as the additional work that was added with Change Order No.1, can be completed.
- 2. On 11 March 2011, the Board approved Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$101,740, for additional services that covers design and permitting requirements to construct a new boat ramp, restroom facility, additional parking, docks, landscaping, boat wash down area and drainage improvements. Permitting includes obtaining permits and/or approvals from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Georgia Department of Natural Resources (Environmental Protection Division and Coastal Resources Division) and the City of Savannah.
- 3. Contract history:

Original Contract (8-24-07)	\$ 58,100
Change Order 1 (3-11-11)	\$101,740
Change Order (pending)	<u>0</u>
Revised contract amount	\$159,840

**FUNDING:** No additional funding is required

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1. Board approval of Change Order No. 2, to extend the professional engineering services contract, with Thomas & Hutton for the design of the Turner’s Creek Boat Ramp Improvements until 31 December 2011.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve contract extensions when it is necessary for the completion of projects.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
CHRIS MORRIS

**ITEM J**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of the \$33,441 purchase of two (2) Brush Mowers and one (1) Concord Tailgate Conveyor/Bermer from Reynolds-Warren Equipment Company of Lake City, Georgia.

**BACKGROUND:** These attachments are to be used on County equipment for the Public Works and Park Services department.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

- 1. Bids were publicly advertised and opened 16 February 2011. There are no local vendors and only one (1) vendor responded to the solicitation.
- 2. The prices are as follows:

1 Brush Mower	\$ 8,250
1 Brush Mower (Heavy Duty)	\$ 9,062
1 Concord Tailgate Conveyor/Bermer	<u>\$16,129</u>
Total	\$33,441

3. Staff believes this price is fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2003-2008) - Fleet Replacement  
(3234985 - 54.22001 - 32360630)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of the \$33,441 purchase of two (2) Brush Mowers and one Concord Tailgate Conveyor/Bermer from Reynolds-Warren Equipment Company of Lake City, Georgia.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
CHRIS MORRIS

**ITEM K**

**ISSUE:** Request Board declaration as unserviceable surplus and approval to sell at a public auction or to dispose as scrap material older vehicles which cannot be economically repaired. The listed items attached can no longer be beneficially or advantageously used by the County.

**BACKGROUND:** Fleet Management and the various departments to whom the vehicles and equipment were assigned are in agreement that the identified items are unserviceable and should be disposed.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The attached (see pages 27) list the vehicles to be disposed of at the auction or as scrap material.
2. These items will be disposed of as appropriate for condition, value and circumstance. By far, the most common method will be a public auction, as prescribed by the Purchasing Ordinance and Procedures Manual. Some items, however, without a reasonable resale value, will be sold as scrap.
3. The date, time and location at which these vehicles will be auctioned will be publicly advertised to give citizens an opportunity to bid on these vehicles and equipment.

**FUNDING:** N/A - Revenue Producing

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board declaration as unserviceable surplus and approval to sell at a public auction or to dispose as scrap material older vehicles which cannot be economically repaired. The listed items attached can no longer be beneficially or advantageously used by the County.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve disposal of surplus County property through a public auction.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

**ITEM L**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to enter into a Personal Services Agreement for a six month period for PSIC Grant accountant services with Dean Kirkland for I.C.S. Dept.

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

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Based on the Audit Findings from Karp, Ronning, & Tindol, external auditors, much more must be done to comply with grant regulation regarding "sub-grantee monitoring for the PSIC Grant. In order to comply with the many provisions of this grant, I.C.S. needs the services of an accountant.
2. On 15 January 2010, the Board approved a one (1) year agreement for accounting services to monitor the PSIC grant. This agreement expired on 14 January 2011.
3. Additional audit finding needed to be resolved at the time this agreement expired. An additional six (6) months is needed to complete this project.
4. The accounting services will be part-time at a rate of \$40 per hour.
5. The extension will not exceed \$25,000.

**FUNDING:** Multiple Grant Fund - GEMA - PSIC Grant  
(2501535 – 52.12099 – 25023972)  
General Fund/M & O - I.C.S.  
(1001535 - 52.11001)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to enter into a Personal Services Agreement for a six month period for PSIC Grant accountant services with Dean Kirkland for I.C.S. Dept.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with the Board policy to approve Agreements necessary for continuing projects in order to comply with Audit Findings and to ensure Grant compliance.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
GLORIA SLAUGH

**ITEM M**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award a \$75,000 contract to Chatham Environmental Forum (CEF) to conduct a community greenhouse gas emissions study.

**BACKGROUND:** Part of Chatham County's award of an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) included \$75,000 for a community greenhouse gas emissions study. The study will use the ICLEI platform to determine the amount of greenhouse gas which the community emits by sector (industrial, commercial, residential) and by area (i.e., city, unincorporated area). This will help each community to set goals for energy conservation, which duplicates the efforts underway by the City of Savannah (organization), Chatham County (organization), Tybee Island (organization) and other community partners.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The Chatham County Purchasing Office issued a Request for Proposals for a greenhouse gas study and received ten (10) responses (see attached matrix on page 28). A staff committee evaluated the responses and determined that the best proposal overall came from the Chatham Environmental Forum. Key differences included CEF's local presence and prior experience on similar studies of those involved in the project.
2. Staff negotiated a \$75,000 fee for the study and a public outreach, which was also part of the EECBG grant award.

**FUNDING:** \$75,000 will be reimbursed for the study as part of EECBG Grant  
(2501110 - 52.39009 - 25024182)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval to award a \$75,000 contract to Chatham Environmental Forum to conduct a community greenhouse gas emissions study.
2. Board authorize staff to negotiate either the contract amount and/or scope of work.
3. Board take no action.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** The Chatham County Purchasing Ordinance and Procedures Manual provides a procedure for Quality Based Selection, which attempts to determine the most qualified professional services firm in consideration of experience, qualifications, project team, minority participation, references and cost.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
TOM DRANE

#### ITEM N

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of Change Order No. 7, in the amount of \$44,585, for additional electrical work and to the close out the contract with Choate Construction for construction of the Records Center.

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

#### **FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The Board awarded a contract to Choate Construction in the amount of \$2,729,800 for the construction of the Records Center. The project remains at substantial completion with issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. Administrative Services has relocated all of its records, and the Clerk of Superior Court is expected to complete relocation of all of its records within the next several weeks.
2. The Board had authorized six (6) change orders because of County-desired additions to the original plans. In addition, a problem with Garden City's water line required the County to upsize it to the building and add a booster pump because of the fire protection standards.
3. Change Order No. 7, in the amount of \$44,585, would close out the project and consist of additional electric work and door replacement for a fire-rated door and added general conditions for the time delay in the water line extension and pump room and for additional details which County staff requested.
4. Contract history is as follows:

\$2,729,800	Original Contract Amount (8-14-09)
\$ 28,151	Change Order 1 (1-15-10) for owner-requested add for training room
\$ -16,231	Change Order 2 (4-23-10) for value engineering credits
\$ 72,049	Change Order 3 (4-23-10) for rim boards/structural and add 48 days
\$ 110,460	Change Order 4 (6-25-10) for owner-requested addition for site lighting
\$ 253,613	Change Order 5 (6-25-10) for water line extension and pump room
\$ 68,166	Change Order 6 (10-8-10) for adding insulation, freeze board panel trim
\$ 44,585	Change Order 7 (Pending) for project close out and added electrical work—pending
\$ 3,290,593	Revised Contract Amount

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2008 - 2013) - Courthouse Construction  
(3244980 - 54.13011 - 32460427)

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 7, in the amount of \$44,585, for additional electrical work and to the close out the contract with Choate Construction for construction of the Records Center.
2. Board not approve the change order.

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
TOM DRANE

#### ITEM O

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of the six (6) month extension, in the amount of \$29,094, lease agreement for 408 West Broughton Street with 410 West Broughton Street LLC.

**BACKGROUND:** As part of the Courthouse renovation, certain offices needed to be relocated on a temporary basis. Because no space remains available in the Courthouse, the Board approved leasing office space at 408 West Broughton Street, across from the Annex (Parking Garage). This extension becomes necessary since the U.S. District Court/Bankruptcy will remain as a "holdover tenant."

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The building at 408 West Broughton Street, owned by 410 West Broughton Street LLC (Cohen Properties) provides space to house the District Court Administrator, some Sheriff's Office operations and some Board of Assessors' staffing. More importantly, during the sequence of construction, it has served as convenient interim space as needs arise.
2. The property leases for \$4,849 a month, or \$29,094 for six (6) months (base price plus pro-rated taxes and insurance). Its convenient location makes the property ideal, and its lease rate remains competitive for commercial rental property in the Landmark Historic District.
3. The lease will be through September 2011.

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of the six (6) month extension, in the amount of \$29,094, lease agreement for 408 West Broughton Street with 410 West Broughton Street LLC.
2. Board direct staff to consider other locations not within proximity of the Courthouse as a way to lower potential rental payments.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** Notwithstanding the legal authority for the Board to enter into lease agreements as a contract, a practical consideration for temporary office for Courthouse offices should be its accessibility to the Courthouse.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
TOM DRANE

**ITEM P**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a \$31,000 contract to the Savannah Tree Foundation for additional tree planting at Mother Mathilda Beasley Park and relocation of trees to expand the playground.

**BACKGROUND:** In February 2007, the Board approved a pilot program with the Savannah Tree Foundation (STF) to manage various landscape projects. As project manager, STF follows Chatham County purchasing policy in soliciting contracts and provides construction administration services, including a three-year grow-in period with a warranty. STF successfully served as project manager and contractor for Mother Mathilda Beasley Park, Julie Backus Smith Trail Xeriscape, Placentia Canal Beautification and the Westlake-Lamarville Reforestation.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The 2003-2008 SPLOST includes funding for improvements for Mother Mathilda Beasley Park, including landscaping. STF completed the original planting program, including grow-in with a full warranty.
2. Staff asked STF to review the beautification plan with trees now in maturity. STF has recommended 29 additional trees. In addition, Public Works & Parks Services has requested relocation of some existing trees in order to expand the children's playground.
3. STF has provided a quote of \$31,000. Staff has reviewed the proposal and finds it reasonable.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2003 - 2008) - Mother Mathilda Beasley Park  
(3234150 - 53.17009 - 32370082)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a \$31,000 contract to the Savannah Tree Foundation for additional tree planting at Mother Mathilda Beasley Park and relocation of trees to expand the playground.
2. Board direct staff to seek competitive bids for the proposed work.
3. Board take no action.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** As a purchase, the County's Purchasing Ordinance and Procedures Manual requires Board approval. This project also works toward the County's commitment in the "Greenest County Plan" to plant 365 trees annually.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
CHRIS MORRIS

**ITEM Q**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval to award a \$11,400 contract to Tower and Communications Services to dismantle the antenna at Public Works and Parks Services.

**BACKGROUND:** The Board previously approved relocating EMS services from the antenna at Public Works & Parks Services on Sallie Mood Drive to the new communications tower at the Carl Griffin Drive complex. Plans called for dismantling the antenna as part of the FEMA flood mitigation grant.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

- 1. Plans under the FEMA mitigation grant call for the removal of all structures at the complex at 7215 Sallie Mood Drive, including buildings occupied by Public Works & Parks Services and Fleet Maintenance. With the relocation of the antenna for EMS to the new tower at Carl Griffin Drive, the communications tower becomes surplus and can be removed.
- 2. Tower and Communications Services, which removed the old tower at the Sheriff's Office complex, provided a quote of \$11,400. Despite attempts at other quotes, staff could not identify other vendors. Staff finds the quote reasonable.

**FUNDING:** CIP FY 2009 - Communications Tower  
(3503326 - 54.13010 - 35031233)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1. Board approval to award a \$11,400 contract to Tower and Communications Services to dismantle the antenna at Public Works and Parks Services.
- 2. Board provide other direction.

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
CHRIS MORRIS

PREPARED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
PURCHASING AGENT

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**XI. FIRST READINGS**

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

Chairman Liakakis said, there are no First Readings.

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**XII. SECOND READINGS**

- 1. **TO AMEND THE CODE OF CHATHAM COUNTY TO AUTHORIZE BOARD APPROVAL TO ALLOW SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON COUNTY PROPERTY BY SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT.**

Chairman Liakakis said, Second Readings. One, to amend the Code of Chatham County to authorize Board approval to allow sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on County property by Special Event Permit.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to amend the Code of Chatham County to authorize Board approval to allow sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on County property by Special Event Permit. Commissioners Thomas and Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM:** ~~XI-1~~  
**AGENDA DATE:** ~~March 11, 2011~~  
**AGENDA ITEM:** XII-1  
**AGENDA DATE:** March 25, 2011

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

**ISSUE:**

To amend the *Code of Chatham County* to authorize Board approval to allow sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on County property by Special Event Permit.

**BACKGROUND:**

Chapter 17, Article II Section 17-201 of the *Code of Chatham County* prohibits the sale, consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages on County property except at boat ramps and fishing piers. From time to time, organizations inquire about the sale of alcoholic beverages at Memorial Stadium and other County facilities as part of a Special Event Permit. Most recently, a group is trying to recreate the tradition of "Night in Old Savannah" at Memorial Stadium, and as part of its Special Event Permit, the group will contract with vendors to sell alcoholic beverages.

**FACTS & FINDINGS:**

1. The proposed amendment is attached. This would amend Chapter 17, Article II Section 17-201 of the *Code of Chatham County* to allow the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on County property. This would apply on an individual basis for those organizations which obtain approval by the Board of Commissions and comply with the other requirements of a Safety Event Permit, which the Department of Building Safety & Regulatory Services would issue.
2. It is not the intent of the ordinance to allow individuals to provide or sell alcoholic beverages on County property but only organizations and groups which can also meet the requirements of a Special Event Permit and State of Georgia licensing requirements.
3. The County Attorney's Office has reviewed the proposed ordinance and concurred in its form and format.

**FUNDING:**

Not applicable.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. That the Board enter the proposed code change into the record (minutes) for the first reading and then adopt the proposed amendment to the *Code of Chatham County* on the second reading of the ordinance.
2. That the Board take no action.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

With the ordinance amendment, the Board would continue to exercise sole discretion on a case-by-case basis of whether to allow the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages on County property. Further safeguards will be such events must otherwise qualify for a special Event Permit and licensing requirements by Chatham County and the State of Georgia.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

## AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF CHATHAM COUNTY,  
 GEORGIA, CHAPTER XVII, ARTICLE II, COUNTY RESTRICTIONS  
 ON SALE AND POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON  
 COUNTY PROPERTY

Chapter XVI, Article II, is amended as follows:

The sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be permitted at County facilities and parks with an approved application for a Special Event permit through the Department of Building Safety and Regulatory Services and approval by the Commission during any of its duly-organized meetings.

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**2. REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE TO ADDRESS UNSAFE AND UNSIGHTLY STRUCTURES.**

Chairman Liakakis said, Item 2, request approval of the amendments to the Chatham County Property Maintenance Ordinance to address unsafe and unsightly structures. You received that information where we've had discussion on it before. So need a motion on the floor to approve.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, if I may?

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second. You wanted to –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes, sir. I just want to commend the staff on this. This goes a long ways to help the unincorporated areas of Chatham County. Help keep structures safe in the area. Better as far as more sightly properties. Y'all did an excellent job here, and I certainly do appreciate it. And one thing I'll ask staff. Now that we have the enforcement laws in place, check on a house, if you will, that was burned in Southbridge. That was brought to my attention, and that was what originally kind of made me request this type of enforcement action. So see if it's still there, and the shape of it. Thank you. Oh, go ahead.

Chairman Liakakis said, you have your information items and one of the things I'll – I'll speak about now is the –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, we didn't vote.

County Attorney Hart said, Your Honor, y'all did not vote.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, we didn't vote.

County Manager Abolt said, you have to vote on the ordinance, sir.

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

County Manager Abolt said, while you're doing that Ladies and Gentlemen, I do want to recognize Mr. Anderson and his partnership with Dr. Skelton but in very difficult, strained budget time. Mr. Anderson has put this together with the understanding that we have limitations, but I appreciate his leadership in now getting in the area of enforcing housing code items.

Commissioner Odell said, can someone, Russ, either you or Mr. Anderson contact Mr. Majors, who is president of the Westlake Neighborhood Association? He has some concerns that this ordinance would address.

County Manager Abolt said, I will have – I will ask Mr. Anderson to make that contact, sir.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Stone moved for approval of the amendments to the Chatham County Property Maintenance Ordinance to address unsafe and unsightly structures. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: ~~XI-2~~**  
**AGENDA DATE: ~~March 211, 2011~~**  
**AGENDA ITEM: XII-2**  
**AGENDA DATE: March 25, 2011**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners  
**THROUGH:** R. E. Abolt, County Manager  
**FROM:** Gregori S. Anderson, Director of Building Safety  
And Regulatory Services

**ISSUE**  
Request approval of the amendments to the Chatham County Property Maintenance Ordinance to address unsafe and unsightly structures.

**BACKGROUND**

Historically, the Chatham County Health Department has enforced the provisions of the minimum housing code on single family dwellings. Due to the loss of certified staff and the budget challenges associated with replacement and training, the Department of Building Safety & Regulatory Services will become the enforcement authority. Since the Minimum Housing Code is antiquated and out of print, the County Property Maintenance Ordinance is proposed to be amended to encompass the provisions of the code.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS**

1. The County Property Maintenance Ordinance, originally adopted in 1992, addressed exterior violations on the property such as overgrown vegetation, trash, and derelict vehicles.
2. The proposed ordinance amendments would provide provisions to address violations on the structure located on the property, such as habitability, unsightliness, public nuisance and hazardous conditions.
3. The ordinance would apply to all properties and structures in residential zoning districts and zones abutting residential zoning districts.
4. Due to the limited staffing of the Department of Building Safety and Regulatory Services, the ordinance enforcement is complaint driven. The current staff level is adequate for the current level of complaints received.

**FUNDING**

Not applicable.

**ALTERNATIVES**

1. Adopt the proposed ordinance amendments.
2. Provide direction to staff.

**POLICY ANALYSIS**

The proposed amendments will enable to regulation of unsightly, non-habitable and hazardous buildings that pose a public nuisance. The provisions allow enforcement action to have buildings vacated, boarded up and demolished.

Due to the limited staff of the Department of Building Safety and Regulatory Services, the enforcement of the ordinance is complaint driven. The current staff level is adequate to respond to the current level of complaints. However, with the increase in building foreclosures and abandonments, the complaints referencing unsightly, unsafe buildings are on the incline. Once the level of complaints exceed this department's ability to respond, the fact will be communicated. At that point, resource allocations must be evaluated.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Alternative #1: Adopt the proposed ordinance amendments

**ARTICLE V****Property Maintenance**

Editorial note: Article V was replaced in its entirety March 11, 1991.

**§21 - 501** Definitions.

1. "Object" shall mean any item of personal property other than a vehicle, boat or trailer-type vehicle, which is not related to the use and purpose for which the real property is occupied or owned or permitted by the applicable zoning classification. "Objects" under this chapter shall also include junk materials; machinery and equipment; appliances or other household items; lumber and building materials; and dirt, sand, fill, rock, stone or other materials not forming part of a structure of landscaping.
2. "To place" shall mean to establish the presence on property of an object which:
  - a. Is capable of being moved or removed which is not affixed to the real property; and
  - b. Is present for a period of ten (10) consecutive days, whether or not the location of the item on the property is changed.
3. "Person" shall mean any natural person, corporation, partnership, authority created by statute, association or other entity or combination thereof.
4. "Vehicle, automotive" shall mean an automobile, truck, van or other motor vehicle designed and intended for use in transporting people and goods.
5. "Front yard" shall mean portion of the property between right-of-way line of an abutting street and the building line for the principal building on the lot and extended from property line to property line along such building line. If there is no building on the property, the entire property shall be deemed the front yard.

6. "Established driveway" shall mean an area that is paved, graveled, bare of vegetation, or otherwise clearly indicative of the area that is normally used for vehicles to enter onto or exit from real property from or to a public or private street.
7. "Derelict automotive vehicle" shall mean a vehicle which:
  - a. Is unusable due to disrepair because one (1) or more of the major parts needed for its operation has been removed or destroyed or has been made unsafe for operation of the vehicle through disrepair or damage; (Amended December 3, 1999); or used for purposes of storing objects.
  - b. Constitutes a nuisance or health or safety hazard in that it provides a place for insects, rodents and other animals to exist and attracts children, vagrants or other individuals and may cause injury to them.
8. "Derelict boat or trailer-type vehicle" shall mean boat or trailer-type vehicle which:
  - a. is dismantled, partially dismantled, deteriorated or not safe for use due to disrepair or damage; or used for storage of objects.
  - b. Constitutes a nuisance or health or safety hazard in that it provides a place for insects, rodents and other animals to exist and attracts children, vagrants other individuals and may cause injury to them.
9. "Accessory building" shall mean a carport, attached or detached garage, storage building or any other such not-for-habitation buildings on the premises.
10. "Hobbyist": Pursuant to the Property Maintenance Ordinance, there shall be no classification of any person as a hobbyist having a derelict automotive vehicles, derelict boat or trailer-type vehicle or abandoned motor vehicle. (Amended December 3, 1999)
11. "Unsafe Structure" is one that is found to be dangerous to the life, health, property or safety of the public or the occupants of the structure by not providing minimum safeguards to protect or warn occupants in the event of fire, or because such structure contains unsafe equipment or is so damaged, decayed, dilapidated, structurally unsafe or of such faulty construction or unstable foundation, that partial or complete collapse is possible.
12. "Unsafe Equipment" included any boiler, heating equipment, elevator, moving stairway, electrical wiring or device, flammable liquid containers or other equipment on the premises or within the structure which is in such disrepair or condition that such equipment is a hazard to life, health, property or safety of the public or occupants of the premises or structure.
13. "Structure Unfit For Human Occupancy" whenever the code official finds that such structure is unsafe, unlawful or, because of the degree to which the structure is in disrepair or lacks maintenance, is insanitary, vermin or rat infested, contains filth and contamination, or lacks ventilation, illumination, sanitary or heating facilities or other essential equipment required by this code or because the location of the structure constitutes a hazard to the occupants of the structure or to the public.
14. "Unlawful Structure" is one found in whole or in part to be occupied by more persons than permitted under this code, or was erected, altered or occupied contrary to law.

**§21 - 502 Premises Required To Be Kept Clean.**

1. It shall be unlawful for the occupant of premises or the owner of premises to have, to place, or to allow any of the following on the premises to the extent and in a manner that could threaten or endanger the public health, safety or welfare or could adversely affect and impair the economic value of adjacent property;
  - a. Any accumulation of litter, debris, garbage or animal excrement on any front, side or rear yard or on any porch, or underneath any building or in any accessory building.
  - b. Any object or objects as defined, on the front yard or on a front porch.
  - c. Any object or objects, on the side or rear yards, or on side or rear porches or underneath any building or in any accessory building that is visible from a street or lane unless covered or enclosed so as not to be visible from a street or lane.
  - d. Any overgrown grass or weeds of a height of eighteen (18) inches or more or any other unkept vegetation in any yard, front, side or rear.
  - e. Any storage building on the front yard or any dilapidated storage building on the side or rear yard.
2. It shall be unlawful to place an automotive vehicle, boat or trailer-type vehicle on the front yard of the premises unless placed on an established driveway or placed parallel and within five (5) feet of an established driveway.

3. It shall be unlawful to place, keep, store or allow to remain, any derelict automotive vehicle, or derelict boat or trailer-type vehicle or parts thereof on a front yard or unlawful to place, keep, store or allow to remain, any derelict automotive vehicles or derelict boat or trailer-type vehicle or parts thereof on the side or rear yards visible from a street, lane or adjoining property unless enclosed in an accessory building so as not to be visible from the street, lane or adjoining property.
4. The provisions of this section shall not apply to material which is being used in connection with a construction activity taking place on the premises provided the construction activity is being diligently pursued and complies with applicable ordinances and codes.

**§21 - 503** Applicability. This ordinance is effective in all residential zoned properties and in the zones that about residential zones. Portions of large lots, underdeveloped land, natural forest areas and land used for agricultural purpose within 150 feet of any building are required to maintain a five (5) foot wide strip at the property line abutting such land. (Amended January 10, 1992)

**§21 - 504** Notification of Owner. Whenever any provision of this ordinance is being violated and the land on which the violation exists is privately owned, the County shall notify the owner and/or any user in possession of the land on which the alleged violation exists to abate the alleged violation. Notice shall be by personal service or certified mail addressed to the party in violation at the last known address; or if not effected notice shall be posted on the property in a conspicuous location.

**§21 - 505** Violations. The failure to abate the alleged violation as set forth in the written notice within ten (10) days of the notice shall be deemed a violation of this ordinance.

**§21 - 506** Abatement by County. If the property owner or tenant under the preceding section fails to abate the violations within ten (10) days after such notice, the County may abate such violations with County forces or private contractor. The cost of such action by the County including administrative costs, labor and equipment shall be charged to the owner or tenant and shall constitute a lien upon the property. Upon the County incurring costs and expenses in abatement, the County may, at its discretion, file a lien in the amount of the costs incurred with the Clerk of Superior Court Land Records noting that said property upon which abatement action took place is subject to such lien.

**§21 - 507** Responsibility of Cost. Charges and expenses entailed in abating the violation shall be assessed against the owner, tenant, or such other person as may be liable therefor.

**§21 - 508** Executions Issued for Cost. If such assessments are due and remain unpaid for a period of thirty (30) days after such work is completed Chatham County shall issue an execution against the owner of such premises from which such violation was abated. Said execution shall be a lien upon the premises and when recorded in the general execution docket of the County, shall be a lien on all of the property of the defendant in execution from the date of such record.

**§21 - 509** Penalties. Any person who violates this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$500, or imprisoned in the County jail for not more than 30 days for any single offense, or any combination thereof and in addition, shall pay all costs and expenses involved in the case. Each day such violation continues shall be considered a separate offense. Nothing herein contained shall prevent Chatham County from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy and violation of this Ordinance.

**§21 - 510** Appeals. Any person receiving written notice from the code official of deficiencies in his property under this code may within 30 days following the date of such notice enter an appeal in writing to the Housing Board of Adjustments and Appeals. Such appeal shall state the location of the property, the date of the notice of violations, and the number of such notice. The appellant must state the variance or modification requested, the reasons therefor, and the hardship or conditions upon which the appeal is made.

**§21 - 511** Right of Entry. The code official is authorized to enter the structure or premises at reasonable times to inspect, subject to constitutional restrictions or unreasonable searches and seizures. If entry is refused or not obtained, the code official is authorized to pursue recourse as provided by law.

**§21 - 512** Transfer of Ownership. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dwelling unit or structure who has received a compliance order or upon whom a structure who has received a compliance order or upon whom a notice of violation has been served to sell, transfer, mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of such dwelling unit or structure to another until the provisions of the compliance order or notice of violation issued by the code official and shall furnish to the code official a signed and notarized statement from the grantee, transferee, mortgagee or lessee, acknowledging the receipt of such compliance order or notice of violation and fully accepting the responsibility without condition for making the corrections or repairs required by such compliance order or notice of violation and fully accepting the responsibility without condition for making the corrections or repairs required by such compliance order or notice of violation.

**§21 - 514** Imminent Danger. When in the opinion of the code official, there is imminent danger of failure or collapse of a building or structure which endangers life, or when any structure or part of a structure has fallen and life is endangered by the occupation of the structure, or when there is actual or potential danger to the building occupants or those in the proximity of any structure because of explosives, explosive fumes or vapors or the presence of toxic fumes, gases or materials, or operation of defective or dangerous equipment, the code official is hereby authorized and empowered to order and require the occupants to vacate the premises forthwith. The code official shall cause to be posted at each entrance to such structure

a notice reading as follows: "This Structure Is Unsafe and It's Occupancy Has Been prohibited by the Code Official." It shall be unlawful for any person to enter such structure except for the purpose of securing the structure, making the required repairs, removing the hazardous condition or of demolishing the same.

**§21 - 515** Minimum Standards For Basic Equipment And Facilities.

1. No person shall occupy as owner-occupant or let or sublet to another for occupancy any dwelling or dwelling unit designed or intended to be used for the purpose of living, sleeping, cooking or eating therein which does not comply with the following requirements:

- a. Sanitary Facilities. Every dwelling unit shall contain not less than a kitchen sink, lavatory, tub or shower, and a water closet all in good working condition and properly connected to an approved water and sewer system. Every plumbing fixture and water and waste pipe shall be properly installed and maintained in good sanitary working condition free from defects, leaks and obstructions.
- b. Location of Sanitary Facilities. All required plumbing fixtures shall be located within the dwelling unit and be accessible to the occupants of same. The water closet, tub or shower and lavatory shall be located in a room affording privacy to the user and such room shall have a minimum floor space of 30 sq. ft (2.8 m<sup>2</sup>) with no dimension less than 4 ft (1219 mm). Bathrooms shall be accessible from habitable rooms, hallways, corridors or other protected or enclosed area.
- c. Hot and Cold Water Supply. Every dwelling unit shall have an adequate supply of both cold and hot water connected to the kitchen sink, lavatory, and tub or shower. All water shall be supplied through an approved distribution system connected to a potable water supply.
- d. Water Heating Facilities. Every dwelling unit shall have water heating facilities which are properly installed and maintained in a safe and good working condition and are capable of heating water to such a temperature as to permit an adequate amount of water to be drawn at every required kitchen sink, lavatory basin, bathtub or shower at a temperature of not less than 110°F (43°C). Such water heating facilities shall be capable of meeting the requirements of this section when the dwelling or dwelling unit heating facilities required under the provisions of this code are not in operation. Apartment houses may use a centralized water heating facility capable of heating an adequate amount of water as required by the International Plumbing Code© to not less than 110°F (43°C).
- e. Heating Facilities Required. Heating facilities shall be provided in structures as required by this section. Dwellings shall be provided with heating facilities capable of maintaining a room temperature of 68°F (20°) in all habitable rooms, bathrooms and toilet rooms based on the winter outdoor design temperature for the locality indicated in Appendix D of the *International Plumbing Code*. Cooking appliances shall not be used to provide space heating to meet the requirements of this section.
- f. Kitchen Facilities. Every dwelling unit shall contain a kitchen equipped with the following minimum facilities.
  1. Food preparation surfaces impervious to water and free of defects which could trap or liquid.
  2. Shelving, cabinets or drawers for the storage of food and cooking and eating utensils, all of which shall be maintained in good repair.
  3. Freestanding or permanently installed cookstove. Portable electric cooking equipment shall not fulfill this requirement. Portable cooking equipment employing flame shall be prohibited.
  4. Mechanical refrigeration equipment for the storage of perishable foodstuffs.

EXCEPTION: Nothing herein shall preclude a written agreement between an owner and tenant that the tenant will furnish mechanical refrigeration equipment and/or a cookstove as required in this section. It shall be an affirmative defense available to an owner charged with a violation of this section if such an agreement exists.

- g. Garbage Disposal Facilities. Every dwelling unit shall have adequate garbage disposal facilities or garbage storage containers, of a type and location approved by the applicable governing body.
- h. Smoke Detector Systems. Every dwelling unit shall be provided with an approved listed smoke detector installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation and listing. When activated, the detector shall provide an audible alarm. The detector shall be tested in accordance with and meet the requirements of UL217 (1989), Single and Multiple Station Smoke Detectors. Smoke detector shall be installed at all of the following locations:
  1. On the ceiling or wall outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of bedrooms.

2. In each room used for sleeping purposes.
3. In each story within a dwelling unit, including basements and cellars but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics. In dwellings or dwelling units with split levels and without an intervening door between the adjacent levels, a smoke alarm installed on the upper level shall suffice for the adjacent lower level provided that the lower level is less than one full story below the upper level.

**§21 - 516** Minimum Requirements for Light and Ventilation.

1. Windows. Every habitable room shall have at least one window or skylight facing directly to the outdoors. The minimum total window area, measured between stops, for every habitable room shall be 8% of the floor area of such room. Whenever walls or other portions of structures face a window of any such rooms and such light-obstruction structures are located less than 3 ft (914 mm) from the window and extend to a level above that of the ceiling of the room, such a window shall not be deemed to face directly to the outdoors and shall not be included as contributing to the required minimum total window area. Whenever the only window in a room is a skylight-type window in the top of such room, the total window area of such skylight shall equal at least 15% of the total floor area of such room.
2. Ventilation. Every habitable space shall have at least one openable window. The total openable area of the window in every room shall be equal to at least 45 percent of the minimum glazed area required.

**Exception:** Where rooms and spaces without openings to the outdoors are ventilated through an adjoining room, the unobstructed opening to the adjoining rooms shall be at least 8 percent of the floor area of the interior room or space, but not less than 25 square feet (2.33 m<sup>2</sup>). The ventilation openings to the outdoors shall be based on a total floor area being ventilated.

3. Bathroom and Toilet Rooms. Every bathroom and toilet room shall comply with the ventilation requirements for habitable spaces as required, except that a window shall not be required in such spaces equipped with a mechanical ventilation system. Air exhausted by a mechanical ventilation system from a bathroom or toilet room shall discharge to the outdoors and shall not be re-circulated.
4. Electric Lights And Outlets. Where there is electric service available to the building structure, every habitable room or space shall contain at least two separate and remote receptacle outlets. Bedrooms shall have, in addition, at least one wall switch controlled lighting outlet. In kitchens, two separate and remote receptacle outlets shall be provided (receptacles rendered inaccessible by appliance fastened in place or by appliances occupying dedicated space shall not be considered as these required outlets) and a wall or ceiling lighting outlet controlled by a wall switch shall be provided. Every hall, water closet compartment, bathroom, laundry room or furnace room shall contain at least one ceiling-mounted or wall-mounted lighting outlet. In bathrooms, the lighting outlet shall be controlled by provided at least one receptacle outlet. Any new bathroom receptacle outlet shall have ground fault circuit interrupter protection. Every electrical outlet and fixture, and all electrical wiring and equipment shall be installed, maintained and connected to a source of electric power in accordance with the provisions of the electrical code.

**§31 - 517** Designation of Unfit Dwellings and Legal Procedure for Condemnation.

1. Dangerous Structures. Any dwelling or dwelling unit which shall be found to have any of the following defects shall be condemned as unfit for human habitation and declared to be a nuisance and shall be so designated and placarded by the code official.
  - a. One which is so damaged, decayed, dilapidated, unsanitary, unsafe or vermin-infested that it creates a serious hazard to the health or safety of the occupants or the public.
  - b. One which lacks illumination, ventilation, or sanitation facilities adequate to protect the health or safety of the occupants or the public.
2. Form Of Notice. Whenever the code official has declared a dwelling or multiple dwelling as unfit for human habitation and constituting a nuisance, he shall give notice to the owner of such declaration and placarding of the dwelling or multiple dwellings as unfit for human habitation. Such notice shall:
  - a. Be in writing;
  - b. Include a description of the real estate sufficient for identification;
  - c. State the time occupants must vacate the dwelling units; and
  - d. State that, if such repairs, reconstruction, alterations, removal, or demolition are not voluntarily completed within the stated time as set forth in the notice, the code official shall institute such legal proceedings charging the person or persons, firm, corporation, or agent with violation of this code.

- 3. Service Of Notice. Service of notice to vacate shall be as follows:
  - a. By delivery to the owner personally, or by leaving the notice at the usual place of abode of the owner with a person of suitable age and discretion; or
  - b. By depositing the notice in the United States Post office addressed to the owner at his last known address with postage prepaid thereon; or
  - c. By posting and keeping posted for 24 hours a copy of the notice in placard form in a conspicuous place on the premises to be vacated.
- 4. Vacating of Condemned Building. Any dwelling or dwelling unit condemned as unfit for human habitation, and so designated by placarded by the code official, shall be vacated within 30 days after notice of such condemnation has been given by the code official to the owner and/or occupant of the building. The Sheriff or other law enforcement officer may remove any person found on the premises of condemned building.
- 5. Occupancy of Building. No dwelling or dwelling unit which has been condemned and placarded as unfit for human habitation shall again be used for human habitation until approval is secured from and such placard is removed by the code official. The code official shall remove such placard whenever the defect or defects upon which the condemnation and placarding action were based have been eliminated.
- 6. Removal of Placard or Notice. No person shall deface or remove the placard from any dwelling or dwelling unit which has been condemned as unfit for human habitation and placarded as such, except as provided in 21-517(5).

CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

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PETE LIAKAKIS, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Frances Rasmussen  
Deputy Clerk of Commission

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**XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

A status report was attached as information.

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**2. LIST OF PURCHASING ITEMS BETWEEN \$2,500 AND \$9,999 (NOTE: NONE FOR THIS AGENDA).**

None for this Agenda.

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**3. ROADS AND DRAINAGE REPORTS.**

A status report was attached as information.

**AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 ROADS**  
**AGENDA DATE: March 25, 2011**

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

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

**BACKGROUND:** Funding priorities for projects using Federal aid are established in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). For awarded construction contracts, this report provides the latest scheduled completion dates.

**FACTS AND FINDING:**

1. Truman Parkway, Phase 5. Construction underway. Estimated completion December 2013.
2. Diamond Causeway. The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) awarded a design/build contract in 2009 to LPA/United Contracting (joint venture) to construct a two lane high level bridge over Skidaway Narrows to replace the bascule bridge. Construction ongoing with an estimated completion of September 2013.
3. Whitefield Avenue. ROW was certified to the GDOT on June 23. Final Field Plan Review (FFPR) scheduled for December 15, 2010. Letting scheduled for June 2011.
4. Bay Street Widening from I-516 to Bay Street Viaduct. ROW plans approved by GDOT. Right of way acquisitions are on hold pending assessment of alternatives to minimize impacts to historic properties. Public Information Open House scheduled for April 28th.
5. Local Roads.
  - a. Kings Ferry Boat Ramp roads and parking. Under construction. Ramps and parking area are closed to public use. Board awarded a contract on August 13. Estimated completion date is April, 2011.
  - b. Fenwick Avenue/Medford Street. Paving of dirt roads is under construction. Estimated completion is April, 2011.
  - c. Wild Heron Sidewalks. Construction complete.
  - d. Intersection improvements at King George Blvd and Grove Point Road. Construction plans complete. Utility relocation in progress. County Contract with GDOT complete. Board awarded a contract on February 11, 2011. Preconstruction conference scheduled.
  - e. Billings Road. Construction underway.
  - f. Elmhurst Road. Beechwood Road and Ridgewood Road. Design and ROW acquisition complete on Elmhurst and Beechwood. Ridgewood re-design ongoing.

**RECOMMENDATION:** For information.

Districts All

**AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 DRAINAGE**  
**AGENDA DATE: March 25, 2011**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**THRU:** R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

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

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

**FACTS AND FINDING:**

1. Pipemakers Canal. The Pipemakers Canal extends from Bloomingdale to the Savannah River (over 13 miles). The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization, sluice gates and culverts. Construction of the sluice gate structure and channel improvements from SR21 to the Savannah River (Phase 1) was completed in 2005. Construction of Phase 2A which includes improvements from Phase 1 to Dean Forest Road is underway.
2. Hardin Canal. The Hardin Canal extends from Bloomingdale to Salt Creek near US 17 (over 12 miles). The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization, bridges and culverts. Projects that replaced culverts at SR 307 (Dean Forest Road) and within the Southbridge golf course area are complete. Staff is investigating permitting issues and the need for further improvements.
3. Golden Isles. The project will relieve neighborhood drainage issues including structural flooding of homes with the construction of an upgraded storm sewer system. Design work is completed. Agency review and permit applications are underway. Staff expects to advertise the project for bids by Spring 2011.

4. Wilmington Park Canal. The Wilmington Park Canal extends from North Cromwell Road to the Wilmington River (about 1.4 miles). The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization and culverts. Design work is underway on the design of five undersized culverts along the canal.
5. Queensbury Drainage Improvements. The project area is south of Montgomery Cross Road and west of Ferguson Avenue (includes Tara Manor, Ennis Mobile Home Park-Elmhurst Court, and the Forest City Gun Club.) At its January 14, 2011 meeting the Board approved a construction contract to improve drainage from the Tara Manor area and a mobile home park. Construction will start in April 2011. Design of a project to improve drainage at the gun club is complete. Staff intends to solicit bids for construction in the Spring of 2011 pending resolution of necessary easements.
6. Kings Way Canal. The Kings Way Canal extends from the Kingswood Subdivision to Whitefield Avenue (about 0.7 miles). The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization and culverts. Construction of drainage improvements along the perimeter of the subdivision is complete.
7. Louis Mills/Redgate Canal. The Louis Mills and Redgate Canals are tributaries to the South Springfield Canal. Work to upgrade an additional culvert is underway. Construction of drainage improvements from the CSX railroad to a point upstream of Garrard is complete. Staff is reviewing alternative concepts to extend needed drainage improvements within the system.
8. Ogeechee Farms Area. The Ogeechee Farms project includes improvements to canals and culverts. Phase 1 was completed in July 2005 (piped in about 0.2 miles of channel south of Vidalia Road and replaced a road crossing at Waynesboro Road). Design of improvements at Yemassee Road and Ridgeland Road is underway.
9. Quacco Canal. The Quacco Canal extends from the little Ogeechee River to the Regency Mobile Home Park (about 4 miles). The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization, culverts, and providing access for maintenance. Construction of drainage improvements serving the Willow Lakes area and Regency Mobile Home Park area are substantially complete and operational. Staff expects cleanup and restoration to be complete by April 2011.
10. Laberta-Cresthill Area. The project will relieve flooding within the Cresthill Subdivision. An engineering firm evaluated the storm water drainage system and the outfall to Hayner's Creek. Final design plans and required permitting are complete and the project is currently out for bids.
11. Norwood Drainage Outfalls. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance. A project to improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance at Norwood Place is being advertised for construction bids. A recommendation for award of a construction contract is pending Board approval. Design is also underway for the outfall at Skidaway Road.
12. Henderson/Gateway. Drainage is provided by the Little Neck Canal and the Henderson Branch Canal (combined length 2 miles). Development of the subdivisions led to increased rates and volumes of storm water runoff which the canals cannot handle. A construction to replace the golf cart culvert and culvert at Henderson Oaks Drive is complete and operational. Work included in a change order approved by the Board on December 17, 2010 is underway.
13. Shipyard-Beaulieu Area. The project will be accomplished in phases. The first phase replaced the storm drain pipe at Beaulieu Avenue and was completed in January 2010. The second phase will replace three undersized storm drain pipes and reshape the existing ditch. Staff is in the process of acquiring required easements for access, construction, and maintenance.
14. Grange Road Canal. The project to relieve flooding extends from Pipemakers Canal to north of Grange Road (about 1.8 miles). The original concept identified the need for an outfall to the Savannah River within the unopened right of way of Grange Road. In 2007, the GPA requested that the right of way be abandoned for a container berth expansion. Staff is coordinating the County's needs for drainage improvements with GPA's needs to expand.
15. Skidaway Road. The project will improve roadside drainage and address vehicle safety issues along a portion of Skidaway Road near Wormsloe. Construction is underway.
16. LaRoche Culvert. The project includes the replacement of a drainage culvert located under LaRoche Avenue north of Lansing Avenue. The culvert replacement is in response to a deteriorating brick arch culvert with several cracks. Final design work is underway.
17. Lehigh-Shipyard Lane Area. The project will relieve roadside drainage issues causing nuisance flooding in the Lehigh Avenue and Shipyard Lane area. Staff is in the process of acquiring required right of way for construction and maintenance. Final design plans and required permitting are expected to be complete by June 2011.
18. Wahlstrom Road. The project will address drainage and maintenance access along the portion of Wahlstrom Road north of the railroad tracks. The drainage infrastructure in the area received infrequent maintenance in the past due to extensive industrial activities in the area and lack of access. Current work is directed toward identifying ownership and responsibility of existing infrastructure and locating existing drainage easements and rights of way.

19. Wymberley Area. The project will address inadequate neighborhood drainage including road side ditches, culverts and rear yard areas not accessible for maintenance of public systems. Current work consists of property and jurisdictional wetland delineations to be used to develop preliminary design alternatives.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.  
Districts: All

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**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – CHAIRMAN LIAKAKIS**

Chairman Liakakis said, just for other information, today is Greek Independence Day, March the 25<sup>th</sup>, and it's when the – the nation of Greece was enslaved by the Turkish Ottoman Empire for some 400 years, and the slavery and the things that occurred through the Ottoman Empire against the Greek Nation were some of the worst that it has been in enslavement and all, and a couple of the European countries did assist Greece in fighting to gain Greece's independence. So I wanted to bring that out because we do recognize other countries also when have their freedom, wherever it might be. So that's information that I wanted to pass on. And, in fact, tomorrow there will be a special celebration at the Hellenic Center for that particular item.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Liakakis said, now we have in Executive session?

County Manager Abolt said, personnel, litigation.

Chairman Liakakis said, personnel and litigation.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved.

Chairman Liakakis said, need a motion.

Commissioner Odell said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, let's go on the board. Priscilla [Thomas], punch. Motion passes.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Upon motion being made by Commissioner Stone and seconded by Commissioner Odell, the Board recessed at 11:06 a.m., to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation and personnel. [NOTE: Commissioners Shay and Gellatly were not present for the vote.]

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**ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

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

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:10 p.m.

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APPROVED: THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF APRIL, 2011.

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

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JANICE E. BOCOOK, INTERIM CLERK OF COMMISSION