

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 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 9:38 a.m. on Friday, April 8, 2011.

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II. INVOCATION

Commissioner Patrick K. Farrell gave the Invocation.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Helen Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. If you all can bear with me, this was the pledge that was read at a ACCG meeting by Melvin Davis that I thought had a lot credibility and I wanted to share it with you. I, me, as an individual, a committee of one pledge, dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity, allegiance, my love and devotion, to the flag, our standard, old glory, a symbol of freedom. Wherever she waives there is respect because your loyalty has given her dignity that shouts freedom is everybody's job; of the United, that means that we all have come together; States, individual communities that have united into 48 great states, 48 individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose, all divided with imagery, boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that's love for our country, and to the republic. Republic, a state which is sovereign power which with sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people together and government is the people and it's from the people to the leaders not from the leaders to the people; for which it stands one nation, one nation meaning so blessed by God; indivisible with liberty and justice for all, which is freedom, the right of power to live ones own life without threats, fear or some sort of retaliation. The principle equalities of dealing fairly with others; for all, which means boys and girls as much as your country as is mine. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. Go ahead Helen [Stone], with the –

Commissioner Stone then 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 our – Janice Bocoock, for our 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

Not Present: 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. THE FEW (Russ Abolt)

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, next under the Items of Proclamations and Special Presentations, I call on our County Manager, Russ Abolt, please.

County Manager Russ Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, Dr. Thomas, Commissioner Stone, welcome to the inaugural event in our celebration of County Government Month. Over the past many years that I've been in your company as a Board, and as individuals, I've experienced your patriotism, concern for subordinates, and the clear sense of purpose in the position of trust and leadership that you hold. These are all qualities that give you choice. Coincidentally, this is the opportunity of choice exercised by young men and women daily in Chatham County. For the next few minutes we want to give you the experience of a career choice to serve your country. This is a brief immersion in what County Government Month is about this year, recognizing the proud service of our military. Let me introduce Gunnery Sergeant Diaczenko and Staff Sergeant Montada, United States Marine Corp recruiters. They look for the few with pride, commitment, and love of country. Gunny?

GySgt. Alex Diaczenko said, good morning Ladies and Gentlemen of the Commission.

Board of Commissioners collectively said, good morning.

GySgt. Diaczenko said, my name is Gunnery Sergeant Alex Diaczenko. I'm the staff non-commissioned officer in charge of the local recruiting station here in Savannah, Georgia. It's truly an honor to be here and invited to begin the celebration for the National County Government Month with all of you. I would first like to recognize all the veterans, all the service members, and all the families here today; most importantly I'd like to recognize my brothers and sisters in arms that are currently deployed in the global war on terrorism.

GySgt. Diaczenko said, I'm here today to recognize the proud service of our military and what that means to me is embracing the privilege to serve our country. I'm not a recruiter. I'm a Marine. I'm a United States Marine on recruiting duty, and on this duty, I'm responsible, and I'm trusted by you. I'm trusted by these people. I'm trusted by the Marines to find the most qualified individuals to protect our nation, to protect our freedom, and to protect our liberty. I don't accept commitments – I don't accept applications, only commitments. This is a path of service. A life – lifetime of reward. Everyday we're in the boys and girls clubs. We're in the parks that individuals here have established. Coach Holmes and Dr. Thomas, your commitment has been a lifelong trial and tribulation at bettering our youth and giving the mentor programs a safe place just to play, learn, and grow. My commitment will be to develop strong, strong citizens to take the torch that you've already lit and carry it on and pass it on in this community. Every day I'm in the schools, myself, the Marine recruiters, all the armed forces recruiters are in the schools, and we talk to these young individuals, and we ask them what do you want to be? How do you want to grow up? And they tell us we want to be architects; we want to be lawyers; we want to be doctors; we want to be teachers; we want to be firemen, policemen. We ask them why? 'Cause I want to help people. I want to make my community better.

GySgt. Diaczenko said, three years as a combat engineer in the U.S. Army I definitely say was a pretty good corner stone into the FBI academy and becoming the Chief of Police here in Savannah for Commissioner Gellatly. And I apologize if I didn't pronounce it right, sir. And Commissioner Shay having the opportunity to study abroad and – and architecture in Italy was an experience that only a lot of individuals just pray for and it's a dream. But, you're architecture, I'm sure, and your designs have brought something to the City of Savannah for living and the people that are here to improve the community. Mr. Chairman, who would think that on a resume having maybe just including your Air Force and your National Guard service that Burt Reynolds decided that you – that he wanted you to be his personal body guard. Mr. Kicklighter isn't here. However, to be 28 years old and the Mayor of a city is astounding. The leadership and the things that – that he possesses at an age like that is – is pretty remarkable for having people to depend on him.

GySgt Diaczenko said, you all have these qualities. You have the leadership. You make policy. You adopt laws and you make a difference every day. Leadership and courage, poise, confidence, these are all intangibles, but probably the most part – the most important part of the formula for success. As a United States Marine, I believe success is born and strictly born from challenges and the refusal to give up. Well, I'm a Marine and I'm on recruiting duty, and I'm here to recruit, believe it or not. And I'm here to recruit all nine of the members of this Board. 'Cause I have a challenge for you. I have a challenge that you can take up of coming and participating in what the Marine Corp gives every year called the Educator's Workshop. This is an opportunity for city officials, teachers, governing boards, anybody that has anything to do with the community to come to Parris Island for three days, and you actually get to put your feet on the yellow foot prints. The same things that the bravest young men of society right now are volunteering for and get off a bus. The drill instructors will be there to meet you, and from there you'll get to see these young men come there as a raw piece of clay, an unmolded piece of clay, and in thirteen weeks, you'll see the result that we go from from civilian to Marine. You will have an opportunity to see the training. You'll have an opportunity to talk to the drill instructors. You'll have an opportunity to shoot an M-16 at a moving target. You'll have an opportunity to repel off of a repel tower.

Commissioner Odell said, I can't wait.

GySgt. Diaczenko said, but talking about those, those are some of the challenges these young men go through, and when they face them in their lives for them, this is the things that gives them confidence to move on. A lot of the things that you've endured, a lot of the things in your life, the challenges that you've come to to get where you are right now to keep moving forward and not looking back, but moving forward to improve. The actual opportunity for this is to

actually see the bravest young men in society that are volunteering their lives to be on the spear tip of the global war on terrorism. What I have for you today, Staff Sgt. Montada, are some items. My contact information. Anybody who wants to take up this challenge, and some items in there so when you drink your hot coffee every day, that cup is something – it's black right now but when you pour your hot coffee into it, it's going to turn into desert camouflage utility uniform, the Marine Corp uniform. Our uniforms are always different. There's some items in there. There's some shirts that you can PT in; do some good physical training, and the book that you're receiving is an Educator's Guide to the path of a military career.

GySgt. Diaczenko said, I do want to leave you with one last thing, and it's a quote: "Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it. Almighty God, I know what course others may take, but as for me, you can give me liberty or you can give me death." The reason I chose that quote is Patrick Henry was one of our founding fathers. Sometimes overlooked. Sometimes he's overlooked as the person that shot the – fired the shot heard round the world and started our revolution. Responsible for a lot of the rights that we have today. But he's also forgotten like a lot of these young individuals that we have out here that are volunteering their service every day, and coming in my office. My office, over the past three years that I've been here in Savannah in charge, we've enlisted and we've made over 300 Marines from Chatham County. I wanted to thank you for your time. Thank you for the opportunity to start the celebration for this month. God Bless you and Semper Fidelis.

Commissioner Shay said, Semper Fi.

Chairman Liakakis said, since you have invited this Commission for that three day training session at Parris Island –

GySgt. Diaczenko said, yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, then what I will do, I will check with all of the Commissioners and especially get their sizes for the recruit uniforms.

GySgt. Diaczenko said, yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, so that they'll be ready to go so when they get off that bus, they'll be, you know, in the right garb – garments and start right into the training process.

GySgt. Diaczenko said, yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, but we really appreciate that, and we've got a number of Marines here that – that work in the County, and we're really proud of them. Just like we have a retired member, our head of our – all of our departments and all, our County Manger, Russ Abolt, and he's always telling people once a Marine, always a Marine. So, it's not like I used to be in the Marines, but it's continuous thing going on, and we know that because we know how the Marines really feel about that, and it's a great part of our military, and we've got the greatest military in all the world, and I'm glad that you came here today, because the National County Week to do that celebration, the main factor of that is military – to honor the military and to have things in our programs about the military. So we appreciate the two of you coming today, and I can see in the audience that we've got some former Marines out there also, and, you know, and that's really great, because the – the director of some of our departments are also Marines, and will continue to be Marines also. So thank you very much. We do appreciate that you've come. And now we'll ask that retired – or not retired but always a Marine Abolt to come back up to the podium.

County Manager Abolt said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is the kick-off with some note. You – you have been recruited. You will be expected to show up at Parris Island in fall of the year. We will make sure that happens. We are going to put the call out for embedded reporters so that your progress for those three days will be exceptional and be reported on – on the right front. I do want to recognize the opportunity and thank Gunny Diaczenko. I mean, seriously, this is an exceptional opportunity for nine people, and I hope I can go along too. But – but you have to realize that what the Gunny said, you know, the making of a Marine, you don't join the Marines, you become a Marine, and – and what you'll see in those three days will give you a better idea of the – the – the quality of our country. I say repeatedly that one of the most powerful forces in the world is an eighteen-year-old Marine that's just graduated from Parris Island, and I mean that sincerely. The love of country, the depth of patriotism is the hope of our future, and County Government Month is about this, and I think that the National Association of Counties should recognize that nine of their members have been officially recruited to go to Parris Island.

County Manager Abolt said, I also want to recognize as the Chairman has done, but possibly to be a little bit more specific in addition to the Gunny and Sgt. Montada, I would like to have all the Marines in the audience come and surround them at this time. Tom Sprague, former Commissioner Joe Rivers, Fred Thompson, his staff, all are Marines. I also want to recognize Bill Hubbard. Bill Hubbard is the father of a United States Marine officer who just returned from Afghanistan, and that is a wonderful tribute to the next generation, and these individuals before you now in my eyes are truly heros, and we're blessed to have them in our presence.

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2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 10-16, 2011, NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATORS' WEEK. Attending on behalf of the SCMPD E-911 Center will be Irene Rodriguez, Adrinne Cain, and Cathy Plaster.

Chairman Liakakis said, next on the agenda is a proclamation declaring April the 10th through the – April the 16th, 2011, National Telecommunicators' Week. Attending on behalf of the Savannah Chatham Metropolitan Police Department E-911 Center will be Irene Rodriguez, Adrinne Cain, and Cathy Plaster. So I'll come up with the proclamation, and I'd – I'd like for them to come up to the podium also.

Chairman Liakakis said, and I'm glad to have the three of you here today because some people don't understand how important our 911 service is, and we want all of our citizens, you know, we are – today that we are bringing up this proclamation but thanking them for what they do and all of the people that are involved and our first responders in those areas that make a difference in people's lives and safety. And what I'll do now is read this proclamation.

Chairman Liakakis read the proclamation as follows:



WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at anytime that require police, fire or emergency medical services and;

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department's E-9-1-1 Communications Center; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Communications Officers are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Communications Officers are the single vital link for our police officers, firefighters, and paramedics by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and insuring their safety; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Communications Officers of the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and

WHEREAS, each Communications Officer has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pete Liakakis, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 10-16, 2011 as:

NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATORS' WEEK

in Chatham County in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 8th day of April 2011.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Administrative Assistant to Chairman

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you, very much. Would you like to – any of you like to make a comment?

Cathy Plaster said, well, we actually would like to welcome all of you out to our center anytime during next week, during the festivities, to come and join us.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman? Pete? May I say something? I would like to thank you all before you leave – well I guess they're walking out the door. I have had the opportunity to go out and tour the 911 center due to my appointment –

Chairman Liakakis said, come back up to the podium, please.

Commissioner Stone said, – by our previous governor, and I realize that you all do not have the greatest conditions under which to work, and I appreciate the work that you take on and the stress level that goes with the job and how

you handle yourself and conduct yourself, because really you are the first person on the scene of an emergency. So I just want to thank you, and I hope that with the prepaid wireless money that we hope now will come through DCA and back to you all that some of the conditions out there and some of your equipment will be updated.

Ms. Plaster said, thank you.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, Commissioner Gellatly?

Commissioner Gellatly said, yeah. I'd like to make a couple comments too, you know, after spending 40 years in law enforcement, I've learned to understand what communications officers do, what they mean, and how important they are to a law enforcement agency. I got to tell you from personal experience that in my opinion you – you people are probably the most important people in the department. You're the ones that get the information, and if you don't put it out to the troops correctly, nothing happens. I had the misfortune when I was Chief of Police to have three officers killed in the line of duty, and I heard the – the calmness in your voices when you were dispatching that information, and I think – I think you've always done a tremendous job, and you – by keeping calm yourself you keep all the troops on the street calm, too, and you do a great job, and you – you just don't get the recognition that you deserve. But I hope that we've – did a little bit this morning anyway because I – I for sure deeply, deeply appreciate you. Thank you.

Ms. Plaster said, thank you, and actually our staff is not aware we've done this so this will be a surprise to them.

Commissioner Stone said, wonderful.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Great. Thanks again.

Commissioner Gellatly said, good. and you're – you're on television so save the tape.

Ms. Plaster said, yes. Well, thank you.

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3. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL AS “DONATE LIFE MONTH.” Eileen Connor will be receiving.

Chairman Liakakis said, next on the agenda, proclamation declaring April as “Donate Life Month.” Eileen Connor will be receiving, and Commissioner Patrick Shay will present the proclamation.

Commissioner Shay said, how are you? Let's do this.

Commissioner Shay read the proclamation as follows:



WHEREAS, one of the most meaningful gifts that a human being can bestow upon another is the gift of life. More than 110,000 men, women, and children await life-saving or life-enhancing organ transplants, of which nearly 3,200 reside in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the need for organ, eye, and tissue donation grows daily as a new patient is added to the national waiting list for an organ transplant every 11 minutes. The critical donor shortage remains a public health crisis as an average of 18 people die daily due to the lack of available organs. The donation of organ, eye, and tissue can provide families the comfort of knowing the gift of donated organs and donated tissue endows another person with renewed hope for a healthy life; and

WHEREAS, donating life through organ, eye, and tissue donation is the ultimate act of generosity and kindness we Chatham County citizens can perform. Give the Gift of Life at www.donatelifegeorgia.org where 113,363 have already registered their decision. LifeLink of Georgia is the non-profit, community service organization dedicated to the recovery of high quality organs and tissues for transplantation therapy and Chatham County supports their life-saving mission.

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

DONATE LIFE MONTH

in Chatham County to honor all those who made the decision to give the gift of life, to focus attention on the extreme need for organ, eye, and tissue donation, to encourage all residents to take action and sign up on Georgia's Donor Registry at www.donatelifegeorgia.org, to discuss the miracle of transplantation as a family, and to make a family commitment to organ, eye, and tissue donation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 8th day of April, 2011.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
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Commissioner Shay said, there you go.

Eileen Connor said, I am definitely one of the lucky ones who did receive a heart transplant five years ago. But I also saw many people die while I was waiting for mine. So once again I would like to thank all of you for your continued support for organ donation. I taught school for 28 years so I impacted a lot of people's lives, and I know a lot of people, and I often think God kept me on this earth to be a walking advertisement for organ donation. So keep up your good work. Thank you so much.

Chairman Liakakis said, Eileen, thank you very much on behalf of the County Commission because you being a walking advertisement, I mean, it's good because the things that you do and the others in our community, the organizations to, you know, get people to make their donations because we see so many lives in this country has been, you know – has been given them that extra time, and we really need more and more people to – to come out and be donors. So because of you, and I'm glad that we've got this proclamation encouraging people to make that donation so that we can make a change and save a lot of people's lives, and a lot of them with healthy lives also.

Ms. Connor said, that's correct. And also enhancing. I think people fail to remember the tissue donations that help people that have, you know, ACL surgeries, the skin grafts we've done, especially on the sugar refinery people, and bone cancer people, they put the bones in from transplant people – heart valve machine – transplants, they can use those. So there's a lot of different things that go on. You can enhance the lives of 60 people, and not compromise how you're going to look at a funeral or anything else. Okay. Once again, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much.

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4. PRESENTATION BY CPL. CINDY MILLER, GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, ABOUT DNR LAW ENFORCEMENT (10 minutes).

Chairman Liakakis said, next on the agenda. Presentation by Cpl. Cindy Miller with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources about DNR law enforcement. Cindy [Miller]?

Cpl. Cindy Miller said, yes, sir. First of all I want to thank you for allowing me to come and talk to you today. I'm just going to give a short presentation on DNR law enforcement. My name is Cindy Miller. I'm a corporal with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, law enforcement section. We are in the wildlife resources division. I'm a part of Region 7, which is the coastal – the six coastal counties and nine – three inland counties, Long, Wayne and Brantley. I'm a law enforcement officer but under the wildlife resources division. We have our game management section and our fishery section and non-game. Currently in our law enforcement on the coast we have 22 POST certified officers and four administrative personnel. When I started 15 years ago we – we had 32 officers. We're – we're losing with today's economy just like everybody else, you know, we're – we're losing personnel.

Cpl. Miller said, we protect the natural resources and enforce laws, wildlife laws, environmental laws. We enforce laws concerning plants, exotic animals and plants, litter, waste control, and other natural resources. Just to give you a little insight, last year I had about a six-month investigation on a illegal dumping here in Chatham County. To make a long story short, ended up the Defendant had to pay an elderly woman \$92,000 in restitution to clean her property up. He had used it as a – as a dump. So we – we do get involved in illegal dumping investigations.

Cpl. Miller said, other things we do, we're trained in responding to hunting, boating, and drowning incidences, and we provide the reports for each. Some of that has to go to the Coast Guard. We're trained wildlife or wilderness response first responders, and we are provided equipment for search and rescue on land and water. Had the incident last year with a gentleman that had been missing for a while, we had some specialized equipment that some of our officers assisted with in finding the individual in the water. Our boats, we had some boats with the side-scan sonar. We also provide support for other law enforcement agencies upon request. We do have a real good working relationship with the Chatham Marine Patrol, with those guys. We work well with them. You can see some of – some of our boating incidences. We do the hunting incidences, whether they are fatalities or, you know, someone's injured seriously. We have several specialty teams within our department. One is called the CIRT team, Critical Incident Response Team. Just basically similar to the GSP's CRASH team, whenever there's a fatality, these individuals have specialized training that'll come in and help reconstruct. It's like the CSI. Been involved with them a couple times, and they'll come in and reconstruct the scene. We have Critical Action Teams, which are deployed during – we're actually dispatched through GEMA, and we're deployed during natural disasters, search and rescue, and other public safety emergencies. We had several of our officers who were sent to Katrina during that. We've had several tornados in the middle part of the state and around the state that some of our officers are – work as a part of this Critical Action Team. We also have a

Counter Terrorism Task Force. We're combined with GSP and GBI to offer those services to help combat terrorist activities in Georgia. We have – we work with the Governor's Task Force in trying to eradicate or combat illegal drugs in Georgia.

Cpl. Miller said, and then also we – we do a lot of the public education, as far as – we give hunter safety classes, boating safety classes, and we teach programs for wildlife hunter development and boating safety and environmental issues. Some of – some of our customer service includes license sales, we have related brochures for laws and regulations, have the public records related to hunting and boating incidences. The boating registration, that's kind of a black eye for us right now, but we're trying to get that squared away; and we have hunter and boater education information. And down here on the coast, we have a little bit more responsibilities than the other parts of the state. We actually have a joint enforcement agreement with NOAA, which is the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. We – we go out and patrol federal waters in – in regards to illegal fishing. And what – it's in conjunction with federal and state. But we'll go out, sometimes we'll go 30, 40 miles off shore. Some of our assets that we use to use that, we have a 35' Contender, and then we also have a 27' Safe Boat that we just purchased within the last six months that is used in this. We also assist Gray's Reef Natural Marine Fishery Sanctuary, in – in enforcement of – for enforcement of the sanctuary rules, which is we – we make trips out there pretty regularly. Also, the – we assist the non-game and NOAA personnel in protection of the North Atlantic Right Whale that migrates through Georgia during their – during the calving season. They're pretty animals. They're big too. We also get involved with dignitary services, as far as assisting federal agencies. We – we've been a part of the G-8 also as part of the Olympics. And this right here is an officer, he was – that's Air Force One there down in Glynn County. We also assist the United States Customs and Border Protection Agency on the water. We'll have joint operations with them as far as checking boats coming from off-shore for drug smuggling and illegal immigrants. We assist, like I said earlier, we'll assist local jurisdictions and every once in a while, especially down in Glynn County, they have the Jekyll Beach Festival and the Georgia-Florida Beach Festival that we'll assist. There will be large crowds. Sometimes we have that on our barrier islands, not quite this bad, but there'll be a lot of people on our barrier islands.

Cpl. Miller said, just wanted to let you know., some of you may – just a little side note on this, here in Chatham County, like I mentioned some of the assets, we do have the 35' Contender; we have the 27' Safe Boat; we have two 20' patrol vessels and a 17' patrol vessel. Some – some of you – I failed to mention this at the beginning, but some of you may – may not know exactly what we do, but we do enforce hunting and fishing laws, and we do a lot with the commercial industry here on the coast as far as with crabbing, shrimping, and shellfish. Thank you very much for your time, and if we can – our agency can assist in any way, we'll be glad to help you out. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much, Corporal, we really appreciate that, because a lot of people don't know, you know, what the Department of Natural Resources does, you know, being involved in many areas, especially the safety and assisting the other agencies also and the other law enforcement agencies. So we appreciate your participation, your loyalty and dedication. I'm familiar, you know, about your activities. So we thank you very much and appreciate that you came today.

Cpl. Miller said, thank you very much.

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CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

Chairman Liakakis said, what I'd like to do next is recognize our Chatham County Youth Commissioners that are here today with us. We have Brianna Polite, who is a Youth Commissioner who represents Windsor Forest. Raise your hand so the people will know, Brianna. Then we have Harry Scott, who's the Youth Commissioner for Savannah Arts. And Lydia Peay, who is the Youth Commissioner for Savannah Christian. Nice to have all three of you here today on behalf of the Chatham County Youth Commission.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

None.

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

Chairman Liakakis said, next on the agenda is Commissioner's items. And I'm going to reverse Items 1 and 2 because they are connected, and you'll see why I'm doing that in a moment. Now we'll have a Youth Commission Report on a trip to Washington, D.C. Commissioner Thomas and also Van Johnson.

[NOTE: Item 2 was taken out of order and done at this time.]

- 1. THANK YOU TO MAJ. GEN. JEFFREY PHILLIPS AND LT. COL. WILLIAM HARRIS FOR FACILITATING THE PENTAGON TOUR FOR THE YOUTH COMMISSION (Commissioner Thomas and Commissioner Stone)**

Chairman Liakakis said, Commissioner Thomas and Commissioner Stone come up to the podium, please.

Major General Jeffrey Phillips said, how's everyone doing this morning?

Commissioner Thomas said, good morning. First of all let me do a little – go through a little detail here. Thank some

other people first for some things. First I'd like to thank our County Manager, Mr. Russ Abolt, and the Marines for your dedication and outstanding support as we kick off National County Government Month. We look forward to answering the call of duty in the fall at Parris Island. To Chairman, Pete Liakakis – I need to stand here for my voice – Chairman, Pete Liakakis, members of the Commission, County Manager Abolt, and staff, and everyone that has supported the youth of Chatham County. This indeed has been a tremendous experience for all of us. Because what it has done, it has helped our young people to learn and to understand the roles and responsibilities of government at all levels. Today, we are honored to have with us a very, very important individual who answered a call and made things happen through my colleague, Chairman Pro Tem, Helen Stone. Major General Jeffrey Phillips. I've only had the pleasure of shaking one General's hand in the past and that was Colin Powell, I believe. Yes --

Maj. Gen. Phillips said, that's quite a hand to shake.

Commissioner Thomas said, and today – and today we will have that honor of shaking yours. I'm so excited I'm almost speechless. But we're so happy that you are here today because what you did, you gave our young people an experience of a life time. And not only them, but those of us who were traveling with them as well. Not only was the Youth Commission, but we also had two other groups that's affiliated in Chatham County and connected, that is the Summer Bonanza Partnership, Inc., Youth in Action young people that we serve 200 of them each summer, and then we had the Savannah Youth Council traveling with us as well. So on behalf of them, we thank you. I would like at this time to make a presentation. We know that Lt. Col. Jeffrey – I mean –

Maj. Gen. Phillips said, Will Harris.

Commissioner Thomas said, Will Harris. Has he gone to Afghanistan or wherever he is going?

Maj. Gen. Phillips said, he's still in the building. I was in the Pentagon three days ago, and he wasn't at his desk but I left him a note, so.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay. But he – I want you to know that you – you – he did us proud and thank you so much for allowing him to give us that special tour. And one of the main things, Commissioners, that really stood tall to all of us was the fact that we were able to go into the exact area where the plane hit during the 9-1-1 disaster, and that was really a chilling moment. And I never walked so much in my life, seventeen miles. I lost a lot of weight. First I'm going to ask the General to come on behalf of our Chairman, Pete Liakakis, and the County Commissioners, and when we get through I'm going to ask the – all of the County Commissioners to please come down and greet the General, if you would be so kind to do that. This is an emblem of Chatham County, and on the back of it it says, "The United States of America." We want you to accept this with pride and know that we are so honored not only for what you did but serving our country and helping to keep us safe. This is being presented by the Chatham County Commissioners in support of the Chatham County Youth Commission, which I am the founder, and thank you so very much. This is yours personally.

Maj. Gen. Phillips said, thank you very much.

Commissioner Thomas said, and would you please accept the other one for Lt. Col. –

Maj. Gen. Phillips said, Harris.

Commissioner Thomas said, Harris.

Maj. Gen. Phillips said, it would be my honor.

Commissioner Thomas said, and I don't know how to get the candy to him but if you give me his address, I'll mail it. He said he wanted some candy.

Maj. Gen. Phillips said, of course, it will never get through the Pentagon mail system. I may have to carry it personally.

Commissioner Thomas said, okay. All right. I'll see – I'll see about that. Thank you so very much.

Maj. Gen. Phillips said, thank you.

Commissioner Thomas said, and then we have one other presentation from the Chatham County Youth Commission.

Youth Commissioner Scott said, on behalf of the Youth Commission, we want to present this gift. Thank you so much.

Maj. Gen. Phillips said, you're welcome, Mr. Scott. It's an honor. Thank you very much.

Commissioner Thomas said, Helen [Stone]. This, Helen, is a Certificate of Appreciation to you in recognition of your unselfish support to the Chatham County Youth Commission in helping to facilitate the Pentagon tour. This is what it's all about, is coming to the rescue of each other, and you could have just sat back and said, oh well, you know, it's all over, but you didn't. You stepped it up a notch. You said, I'm going to send out an SOS, and hey, there we were. Thank you so much. I appreciate you so much. Thank you.

Commissioner Stone said, this really should not go to me. I was in the hall and learned about the trip to the Pentagon and then learned that the trip to the Pentagon had been canceled, and I made one phone call to General Phillips and the rest of it was taken care of. Ten minutes later I received a phone call from a gentleman, Lt. Col. Harris, and he said, lady, I don't know who you are, but four people have come to my desk and told me to drop everything and give you a call. So General Phillips I want to thank you for helping these children get through the Pentagon and to appreciate the Pentagon and what all occurs at the Pentagon. It was a wonderful experience, and they took us without any questions. I think a couple of the children had some problem with their identification, and it was all just perfectly done, and Lt. Col. Harris couldn't have been kinder to all of us and more accommodating. So I just want to thank you all.

Maj. Gen. Phillips said, thank you. Well, Mr. – Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, Ladies and Gentlemen, Youth Commission, we just previously heard the Pentagon described as an office building which is really a fortress so it may come as no surprise to anybody – anyone here that sometimes communications in the fortress are impaired, and we

had – we did have an unfortunate cancellation. No one really knows how it happened. The important thing is that representatives of our government reached out and made things happen on behalf of the citizens. I mean that's how government should work, isn't it? So it's a real honor and a pleasure to have been part of that mix. A very minor part on my – on my part. The Commissioner here took – picked up the phone. The important thing is our youth were taken care of. And this is especially meaningful to me because when I was about 15 years old I went from East Granby, Connecticut, near Hartford where I grew up to Washington on just such a trip. And that was my first exposure to the national government. And so it left a deep impression on me. It was a special pleasure therefore to have been of some minor assistance in getting this tour done, and I was – I was so pleased to look at the photographs and listen to your reminiscents of a great trip. I'm glad that you were able to go there, and I would look forward to facilitating any future such visits on behalf of the people who own this government, and in the case of that fortress-like office building, the American people who own our Army, and we're so proud to serve you. Thank you all very much.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. Thank you. Colonel, I mean General, could we have one more?

Maj. Gen. Phillips said, I also saw the Marines in before me, and so I knew the Marines were in here. You can't beat that.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman? Mr. Chairman? Mr. Chairman?. Where are y'all going? I want to get an official picture. Come on. I know it's taking up a little bit of time, but hey, we're not going – we may not have this opportunity again.

Maj. Gen. Phillips said, can we have the representatives of the Youth Commission?

Commissioner Thomas said, sure. Whatever you want to do.

Maj. Gen. Phillips said, we're all about that, right?

Commissioner Thomas said, do we have it on video? All right. Thank you. And thanks to the media as well. We are very grateful for your presence today and hope that you will help us to continue to spread the word throughout the month.

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2. YOUTH COMMISSION REPORT ON TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C. (Commissioner Thomas and Van R. Johnson, II)

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission; Ladies and Gentlemen. First of all allow me to thank Alderman Van Johnson, who is the Director of the Chatham County Youth Commission, for doing such an outstanding job each year in trying to facilitate the trip to Washington, D.C. for our county's youth. This man gives a lot of time and energy throughout the year, and I just want you to know that we appreciate everything that he has done and will continue to do, and at this time I would like to call on Alderman Johnson to give the report.

Van Johnson said, thank you Mr. Chairman, Dr. Thomas, Commissioner Stone, Gentlemen. What a wonderful opportunity. If you – if you look at the numbers, we passed through nine states in five days. We traveled over 1700 miles, slept in three hotels, we visited a seven level 250,000 square foot museum dedicated to learning about news. We met several hundred County Commissioners from across the country at the National Association of Counties. We worked in sessions discussing foreclosures, renewable energy, governmental initiatives to lowering jail and prison population, AIDS and particularly teen incidents of AIDS, and a possible federal government shutdown. We braved blistering and cold rain. We visited the hallmark of legislation. We paid homage at the cathedral of professional sports, and we had the opportunity to meet the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army and the Sgt. Major of the Army. And not only that, we were the beneficiaries of a blessed and unexpected VIP tour of the largest and most fortified office building in the world. This was a wonderful opportunity, and we have some of our Youth Commissioners to tell you about that while I work through our computer issues. Because we want to take you on a brief tour with us as we relive this wonderful and memorable experience. We will have first Commissioner Harry Scott, then Commissioner Brianna Polite, and then Commissioner Lydia Peay.

Youth Commissioner Harry Scott said, good morning Chairman Liakakis and Board members. I'm Harry Scott, and I'm a junior at Savannah Arts Academy. Like Mr. Johnson says, every Youth Commissioner has not been a Youth Commissioner until you have been – until you have attended the annual trip. It is safe for me to say that he is correct. From the long bus ride going up to Washington, D.C., to the last night on Broadway looking at the famous Lion King play, this has truly been a great experience for myself and for my fellow Youth Commissioners. Our first main stop was in Washington, D.C., where we visited many historic sites and monuments, such as the Lincoln Memorial and the State Capital and other places. We toured the News Museum where it showed us America's rich recorded media history. We also toured the American History Museum and the Smithsonian National Museum of American History. My favorite part was the Smithsonian Museum. Inside the museum was the original American flag which was made by Mary Pickersgill. The original flag contains 15 stars and 15 stripes and it's behind a glass to protect it. This trip has truly been a great opportunity for me, and I look forward to next year's annual trip, and I want to thank you for your support. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you, Harry.

Youth Commissioner Brianna Polite said, good morning. My name is Brianna Polite, and I'm a sophomore at Windsor Forest High School. On behalf of the Youth Commission, I would like to thank the Commissioners for funding our program yearly, and I would like to personally thank Dr. Thomas for founding the program. It's been a great asset to my life. On Saturday, March 5th, myself along with 40 other of my peers left Savannah, Georgia for Washington, D.C., Wilmington, Delaware, and New York for our 18th annual trip. We visited the museum, the Smithsonian, attended NACo – the NACo legislative conference, partnered with Talk HIV, and met with various Aldermen and women. We – we went to the Pentagon. We learned that the Pentagon has over 23,000 employees. It occupies more than 3 million square feet, and its purpose is to plan and execute the defense of our country. During the duration of our tour, we met with the 32nd Vice Chief of Staff, who also serves as the Army General. Overall the trip was an awesome learning experience and it was lots of fun. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you, Brianna.

Youth Commissioner Lydia Peay said, good morning Commissioners and Chairman. My name is Lydia Peay, and I am a sophomore at Savannah Christian Preparatory School. I am a Chatham County Youth Commissioner, and I am in District 5. On Tuesday, March 8th, of the Youth Commission Annual Trip, we visited the World Trade Center Tribute Museum, in which was a touching moment for all of my fellow Commissioners and I. The pictures and videos and facts on the wall really expressed the lives lost and the heroism showed by first responders. The museum took us back to 9/11 and gave us a deeper understanding of who was involved and what had happened. On Wednesday March 9th we visited the U.S. Capital. The U.S. Capital houses the legislative branch of the American government. The Senate accompanies the building's north wing and the House of Representatives is housed with the south wing. We also met with Wilmington, Delaware, who wants to create a Youth Commission also. Overall the trip was very educational, and I would like to thank you for making this possible for your – and for your continued support. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you, Lydia.

Mr. Johnson said, and now with my technology issues addressed, we are ready to go.

[NOTE: a video slide presentation was shown to the Board.]

Mr. Johnson said, and that was our trip. Needless to say we want to thank you for providing this wonderful opportunity. You've done so now for almost – we're almost 20 years old, and we're looked upon as being the model – a model program. We went – had the opportunity to go to Wilmington, Delaware, and they contacted us, and they are interested in our model and duplicating our model. We know that you believe that if you can excite your young people, if you can educate them, if you can engage them, if you can empower them, if you can expose them, then we certainly can expect great things from them. I thank you. I thank Mr. Abolt, Mr. Kaigler, the County department heads, certainly my team who works very well with me, WSAV, in particular and Coastline Travel, Savannah Communications, the Savannah Civic Center, Karen Neubauer and 4 Seasons Travel, and particularly segwaying into the next segment, Major General Jeffrey Phillips, and I – certainly the Commissioners will – will be able to elaborate a little more than I, but I can tell you how it happened. We a couple of months ago contacted Congressman Kingston's office about a Pentagon tour, and we were told that it was confirmed. And we believed leaving Savannah that it was confirmed. Well some – somewhere between Friday here in Savannah and – and D.C. on Monday, we found out that the tour was not confirmed and there was some issue, and so therefore, you know, the tour was a no go. And I told the kids, who were very disappointed, and I told them that's life, get over it, you know, we'll do something else. And they happened to run into Commissioner Stone in the lobby of the hotel. So they went la, la, la-ing to Commissioner Stone, oh we feel so bad, and then Commissioner Stone says this is horrible. We have to do something about this. And then the rest becomes history. All I know Commissioner Stone then comes back and tells Dr. Thomas and I we have a tour. I'm like, no we don't. She's said, no, we have a tour. I said, no we don't. She says, we have a tour. And, we had a tour. What a tour it was. Commissioner.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

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3. LNG ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY (Commissioner Shay)

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, next, what we have on Item 3 under the Commissioner's item is the LNG Environmental Impact Study brought up by Commissioner Shay. Patrick [Shay]?

Commissioner Shay said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I put this on the agenda for discussion today, but before I call for a resolution, I'd like to point out a couple of things. You know, I haven't as a County Commissioner made up my mind about whether the benefits outweigh the impacts on the transportation of liquid natural gas yet or not, but I do feel that it was my responsibility to look into the matter further, especially as I was being requested to do so by a great many of my constituents in the – in the Third District. I am fully aware of some of the great benefits of natural gas as an energy source. It's relative cleanliness compared to coal and some of the other more carbon intense fuels, and I'm aware that it may also be something that's very economical. But I have to also consider upon my constituents the fact that the trucking route for the hauling of the natural gas has been proposed and that it really travels right down the spine of the Third District. Actually when a truck leaves Elba Island the first thing that it does is enter the Third District and the proposed route goes up President Street Extension and then turns, heads south and then out to Derenne Avenue. So of the 35,000 or so constituents that I represent almost all of them are going to be along the route. The other alternative route I suppose it's being considered is Bay Street, and unfortunately, I also – well no, I shouldn't say unfortunately, fortunately I represent the people that live in that area as well, but unfortunately, it would have an impact on them potentially.

Commissioner Shay said, so what I've asked today is that we seek – instead of having another hearing, and I have no intention today of asking the Commissioners to sort of open up the microphones for all of the impassioned advocates and – and detractors from this proposal, but just would ask that we call on the proponents to voluntarily provide an environmental impact statement that would weigh the overall benefits and overall impacts. We are very familiar with that here on the County Commission because there's hardly a thing that we can do that doesn't eventually lead to an environmental impact statement under the federal guidelines that are published through the law called NEBA. I'm not a lawyer but I know that environmental impacts are not just on sturgeon and snail darters and marsh grass. They're also on human beings. I'm very keen on helping people to understand that there is such a thing as human ecology as well, and that human ecology is not only physical, it is also psychological. A great many of my constituents have expressed an interest and a concern over this. As a consequence of that I – I went to go see the – the best expert that I know on the subject, I went to go see our Director of CEMA, and he showed me some maps that were intriguing, but also helped me to understand that the Third District was going to be disproportionately impacted by any additional trucking especially of liquid natural gas in this area. I want to condition people's expectations. We County Commissioners don't have jurisdiction over this matter. We don't have the ability to say yes or no at the end of the day. That belongs to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and apparently the United States Department of Transportation and the Georgia Department of Transportation. They are in the process of doing their deliberations now. So I'm not asking the Commissioners to force anybody to do anything. I don't think we can. I'm just asking that those who are proponents for this strongly consider if the Commission desires it a request to go ahead and perform an

environmental impact study that very carefully and dispassionately weighs both the benefits and the impacts to the overall environment and to the local environment. One of the things that I'm deeply concerned about is that if there were ever, God forbid, an incident, that we here on the local level are the ones that are left to deal with the impacts, and it is our responsibility apparently to also prepare in advance in the thought that it's even possible. I'm Irish so I can – I can say that I know – I know about Murphy's law, you know, if it can go wrong it's likely that something will go wrong. I hope it never happens but because that local responsibility for being prepared in case anything ever did happen would fall on us, I think that we have an additional stake in this that we have a responsibility to understand more deeply.

Commissioner Shay said, so all I would ask of my fellow Commissioners, and – and I know there are a variety of opinions on this subject is that we would today resolve to request that the proponents for the trucking of liquid natural gas across Chatham County voluntarily provide an environmental impact statement that follows the – the same sort of guidelines for environmental impact statements on other issues that we routinely are required to do when we want to impact the environment.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. You making a motion then?

Commissioner Shay said, yeah, I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. Do we have a second?

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor and a second. Let's – any – Patrick [Farrell]?

Commissioner Farrell said, I would like to commend my fellow Commissioner for his interest in the protection and the safety of the citizens of the Third District, and I agree that every step should be taken that's in our power to provide as much safety as is humanly possible for our citizens. And in consideration of those – of the citizens of Chatham County, when this subject came up I asked our staff to let me know in addition to the dangers of transporting LNG what other volatile chemicals, gases and that sort of items are we currently transporting in Chatham County in one way, shape or another. We have multiple modes of transportation in this County. I was informed that there are currently more than 1300 different chemicals. I have a very thick sheet of material here that identifies what we know is in – in the County, and with that in mind, I would respectfully ask that the amendment also include the top 25 most volatile substances within this County, and that we ask those industries in fairness that we not single out one or two that maybe we narrow it down to the top 25, what our staff would feel like is the most volatile and dangerous chemicals, that we ask – that we use an even-handed approach, and – and ask all of those industries to come up with the – with the same amount of information so that we can start maybe looking a little deeper into the safety of our community and maybe not pick and choose, you know, just, you know, whatever, you know, may be the – the – the hottest topic of current conversation. So I – I – I ask for a friendly amendment to include the top 25 as identified out of the 1300 plus chemicals that we – we would ask all those industries to provide the same amount of information that we're asking of this one industry.

Commissioner Shay said, and that would be on a voluntary basis?

Commissioner Farrell said, voluntary, of course.

Commissioner Shay said, yeah, I'll certainly accept that motion – that amendment.

Chairman Liakakis said, Helen [Stone]?

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, I concur with Commissioner Farrell that I have some concerns about other chemicals that are going through our community and would like to see those people step up to the plate as well, and as I said earlier this morning, to me what's good for the goose is good for the gander, so if we're going to request one entity to do this, I think that we should request all entities that are transporting any type of dangerous liquids through our community. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, do we have a second on the amendment?

Commissioner Odell said, James [Holmes] would have to do that.

Commissioner Stone said, I'll second.

Commissioner Shay said, will you accept as second?

Commissioner Odell said, James [Holmes] would have to second.

Commissioner Holmes said, yes.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. All right. We now have a motion on the floor and an addition to that. Let's go on the Board. Okay. James [Holmes]? Motion passes.

Commissioner Shay said, thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved for a resolution to request that the proponents of the trucking of liquid natural gas voluntarily provide an environmental impact statement. Commissioner Farrell requested an amendment asking for the transporters of the top 25 volatile chemicals across Chatham County also provide environment impact statements. Commissioner Shay accepted the amendment. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

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CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, now what we are going to do is we will recess as County Commission and convene as the Chatham Area Transit Authority, and as soon as we go over those particular items on the Transit Authority, we will resume and reconvene as the Chatham County Commission.

The Board recessed as the County Commission at 11:00 a.m., and convened as the Chatham Area Transit Authority.

Following adjournment of the Chatham Area Transit Authority, the Board reconvened at 11:22 a.m., as the County Commission.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

Chairman Liakakis said there are no Tabled or Reconsidered Items under Item VIII.

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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: AN \$80,000 TRANSFER WITHIN THE 2005 DSA SERIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOND FUND FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROJECT.**

Chairman Liakakis said, under Item IX, Items for Individual Action, one, to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfer: an \$80,000 transfer within the 2005 DSA Series Capital Improvement Bond Fund from Contingency to the Health Department Project.

Commissioner Odell said, move for approval.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Have a motion on the floor and a second. Let's go on the board. Motion approved.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved for approval of the following budget amendments and transfer: an \$80,000 transfer within the 2005 DSA Series Capital Improvement Bond Fund from Contingency to the Health Department Project. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1
AGENDA DATE: April 8, 2011

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

ISSUE:
To request approval of the an \$80,000 transfer within the 2005 DSA Series Capital Improvement Bond Fund from contingency to the Health Department Project.

- FACTS AND FINDINGS:**
- 1. The Assistant County Manager has requested a transfer of \$80,000 from the 2005 DSA Series Capital Bond Fund Contingency to the Health Department Project for replacement of the building's cooling system.
 - 2. The Purchasing Office is preparing to release the Request for Qualifications for a design-build project for a new Chatham County Health Center. Advertising for the project should begin in about two weeks.

FUNDING: Funds are available in the 2005 DSA Series CIP Bond Fund contingency.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. That the Board approve the following:

2005 DSA SERIES CIP BOND FUND

Transfer \$80,000 from contingency to the Health Department Project.

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: Estelle Brown

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2. CONFIRM BUDGET GOALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012.

Chairman Liakakis said, Item 2, confirm budget goals for Fiscal Year 2012.

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that we confirm the staff report, and it itemizes the top 5 goals that were identified at our session.

Commissioner Odell said, second.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved for confirmation of the staff report which itemizes the top 5 goals of the Board for Fiscal Year 2012. Commissioners Thomas and Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2
AGENDA DATE: April 8, 2011

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

ISSUE: To adopt budget goals for FY 2012 budget preparation.

BACKGROUND: On March 24, 2011, the Board of Commissioner held a budget goal setting workshop at the International Trade and Convention Center. Staff presented several items to the Board that may potentially impact the upcoming budget. Each Commissioner was asked to present their short-term and long-term goals.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The County's fiscal year budget is essentially a policy document that outlines what level of services will be provided by Chatham County Government in the upcoming fiscal year.
2. The Property Tax Digest is the main source of revenue for the County's M&O and Special Service District budgets. Based on preliminary projections, it is estimated that the 2012 Tax Digest will decrease by 5 percent. It is incumbent for the Board to prioritize what they want to accomplish in the budget, given the potential financial constraints of the upcoming budget.
3. The Board's goals provide important direction to staff as preparations begin for upcoming budget meetings with department heads and elected officials. In addition, staff would like to provide the Board with budget options reflective of their goals.
4. Attachment I contains a list of the goals presented from each Commissioner in attendance at the workshop. Staff has summarized those goals and provided a tally of the number of votes each goal received.
5. There were several reoccurring themes that were evidence during the workshop.
 - Balance budget without raising taxes
 - Economic Growth/Revenue Enhancements
 - Efficient Energy Conservation
 - Public Safety/Public Safety budget
 - Effective management of limited resources

FUNDING: N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Adopt the attached outline of the Board's goals as specified at the Budget Goal Setting Workshop, or
2. Provide other direction to staff

POLICY ANALYSIS: The County's annual budget represents a financial plan that identifies the services the County will provide and shows how those services will be funded. The Board's goals provide staff with the necessary input to develop policy documents for the budget that is reflective of their goals.

RECOMMENDATION: Board approve Alternative 1.

COMMISSIONER SHORT AND LONG TERM GOALS
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Short Term

Balance Budget Without Raising Taxes *****

Economic Growth (Revenue Enhancements; SEDA and Chamber, Cooperative Business Practices, CIP Projects - Police Precinct, Public Health) *****

Public Safety (Police, Sheriff, DA, and Courts) **

Effective Management of Limited Resources ** (Examine Services, Train Manager, Maintain Level of Services)

Find Solutions for SSD Revenue Imbalance **

Increase Recreation Opportunities (Structured Programs for Youth and Adults) **

Wellness Programs (Spouses and Dependents) **

Police Budget under Control *

Diversion Center – Options to Incarceration (Intake Analysis/Classification, Include Juvenile Detention Center, Prevention Programs, and Construction Apprentice Program, Reimbursement of Jail Inmate Costs from State)
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Improve Infrastructure (Pave Roads)

Strategies to Deal with Annexation

Explore Grant Opportunities

* Indicates number of votes received

Long Term Goals

To provide all citizens the best place to live, work and play:

- By protecting everyone's public safety
 - Shared Authority Over MPD ****
 - Public Health
 - Mental Health
- By providing outstanding recreational services and facilities community-wide
 - St. Pius School (Keep Open with Next SPLOST) *
 - Recreation Programs (Youth and Adults)
- By stimulating economic growth through cooperative practices
 - Public Education
- By establishing and maintaining effective management of the County's resources
 - Efficient Energy Conservation *****
 - Public Safety Budget *****
 - Jail Classification (Reporting System) *
 - Options to Housing Prisoners
 - User Fees (Police Services)
- By developing and maintaining road and drainage infrastructure
 - Improve Infrastructure (Roads and Drainage – Countywide)
 - Paving roads in unincorporated area
- By pursuing State legislation that supports the County's goals
 - Revenue Enhancements (Fees, Hotel Taxes) **
 - Franchise Fees **
 - Unfunded Mandates *
 - Level Revenues (Franchise Fees and LOST)
 - Create List of Items Under Control (Lobbyist to Pursue)

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X. ACTION CALENDAR

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

Chairman Liakakis said, Action Calendar. Item X, and under Action Calendar we have Items 1 through 7 and under Items 7 we have Items A through H. Any of the particular items that anybody would like to withhold? If not then we need a motion on the floor to approve Items 1 through 7 and under 7 Items A through H.

Commissioner Thomas said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Gellatly said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve Items 1 through 7 and under Item 7, Items A through H. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

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

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1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 25, 2011, AS MAILED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 25, 2011. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

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2. **CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 17, 2011 THROUGH MARCH 30, 2011.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period March 17, 2011 through March 30, 2011, in the amount of \$6,889,534. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

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3. **REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF A .23 ACRE PARCEL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY ON WILMINGTON ISLAND ROAD. [DISTRICT 4.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved the Board to authorize the sale of a .23 acre parcel of surplus property on Wilmington Island Road. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-3
AGENDA DATE: April 8, 2011

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

ISSUE:

To authorize the sale of a .23 acre parcel of surplus property on Wilmington Island Road.

BACKGROUND:

Chatham County acquired a parcel of property on Wilmington Island for a drainage improvement project. With completion of the project, a remnant of the lot remains unused and surplus. The adjoining property owner has expressed an interest in acquiring the remnant.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The surplus property totals .23 acres. It has a legal description as "the Southeastern portion of Lot 362."

It totals 9,9943 square feet as a remnant from a drainage project.

- 2. Based on its size and shape, it could not be used for any purpose except by the adjoining property owner. Based on the square footage value for properties in the area, discounted by the value of the easement, the property would be worth \$9,493. The buyer would also pay \$500 toward the cost of the survey, or a total sales price of \$9,933.
- 3. The property would be considered surplus, or "unserviceable" as defined by state law. The County bought the lot for drainage improvements, which are complete, and the remnant would be considered undevelopable based on the size and shape.
- 4. The buyer would be Samuel A. & Donna Lynn Goodman.

FUNDING:

Proceeds from the sale will become revenue to the Land Bank/Surplus Property account.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. That the Board declare as surplus (unserviceable) and authorize the sale of .23 acres of surplus property known as "the Southeastern portion of Lot 362" to Samuel A. & Donna Lynn Goodman.
- 2. That the Board opt not to sell the subject property.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Georgia law authorizes the sale of property deemed unserviceable (i.e. surplus), and when the property remains undevelopable, the property's sale can be negotiated as long as a County has adopted a policy and procedure (previously adopted by the Board).

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative #1.

District 4

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4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH FLEET FEET SPORTS OF SAVANNAH TO EXPAND THE EMPLOYEE WELLNESS PLAN AND HELP TRAIN EMPLOYEES FOR THE ROCK 'N' ROLL MARATHON IN EXCHANGE FOR NAMED SPONSORSHIP OF McQUEEN'S TRAIL.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved for approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with Fleet Feet Sports of Savannah to expand the Employee Wellness Plan and help train employees for the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon in exchange for named sponsorship of McQueen's Trail. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4
AGENDA DATE: April 8, 2011

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

ISSUE:

To approve a Memorandum of Agreement with Fleet Feet Sports of Savannah to expand the Employee Wellness Plan and help train employees for the Rock 'N' Roll Marathon in exchange for named sponsorship of McQueen's Trail.

BACKGROUND:

As part of the Employee Wellness Plan, Fleet Feet Sports has offered to help to train County employees to participate in the Rock "N" Roll Marathon. If employees complete the training, they will be ready to run the half marathon (13.1 miles) or the marathon (26.2) miles.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. While all of the employees, depending on their current level of fitness, may not be prepared by run by the date of the Rock 'N' Roll Marathon on November 8, the training will provide aerobic exercise by trained professionals. During the training, employees will be provided a training program tailored to their current ability; learn about proper eating, strengthening, stretching and injury prevention; may take advantage of group training; and participate in 5K events (running and walking).
- 2. The value of this training would be more than \$500 per employee, and a preliminary count indicates about 20 employees are interested, or a total of \$10,000 in contributed value. Those who complete the training and qualify to run in the Rock 'N' Roll will be provided a complimentary entry, valued at \$150.
- 3. In exchange, the County would recognize Fleet Feet's contributed value by listing the company as "sponsor" of the McQueen's Island Rails-to-Trails. This would include signage on the new main sign and mile markers.

- 4. A proposed agreement is attached.
- 5. The Rock 'N' Roll Marathon will be November 8 and run a route from the Landmark District to near Lake Mayer with a return at Forsyth Park.

FUNDING:

No funding would be needed since this agreement would be a cooperative exchange of services.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. That the Board approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Fleet Feet Sports of Savannah.
- 2. That the Board take no action.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State law and County code authorize the Board to enter into contracts for purchasing goods and services. While this agreement would not require any expenditure of funds, it would provide a valuable service as part of the Employee Wellness Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

STATE OF GEORGIA)
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 COUNTY OF GEORGIA)

AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY AND FLEET FEET SAVANNAH

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into by and between the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, hereinafter referred to as the County, and FLEET FEET SAVANNAH, a company organized to conduct business in the State of Georgia and with a business license in Savannah, Georgia, hereinafter referred to as Fleet Feet.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Fleet Feet is offering a training program called "Collaborative Relationships Empowering Workouts," or CREW, which provides a professional fitness instructor to improve fitness, strengthening and flexibility for participants; and

WHEREAS, CREW can be adapted to meet the full range of needs from exercise novices to advanced runners; and

WHEREAS, CREW provides training for walking and running with the goals of improving overall fitness through aerobic exercise, walking, running including 5K distance, training for a half marathon and training for the Rock 'N' Roll Marathon, which will be hosted in Savannah and Chatham County on November 8, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the goals of CREW remain consistent with Chatham County's Employee Wellness Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements and the benefits to the parties, the County and Fleet Feet agree as follows:

- 1. Fleet Feet agrees to offer the CREW program to employees of Chatham County. Participating employees will need to receive approval by their physician. While all of the employees, depending on their current level of fitness, may not be prepared to run by the date of the Rock 'N' Roll Marathon on November 8, 2011, the training will provide progressive aerobic exercise by trained professionals. During the training, employees will be providing a training program tailored to their current ability; learn about proper eating, strengthening, stretching and injury prevention; may take advantage of group training; and participate in 5K events (running and walking) as co-sponsored by Fleet Feet. Those participants who complete the training will be provided free entry into the Rock 'N' Roll Marathon at either the half or full marathon distance.
- 2. The County agrees to recognize Fleet Feet's contributed value by listing the company as "sponsor" of the McQueen's Island Rails-to-Trails for three years. This recognition will include signage on the new main sign at McQueen's Trail and its name and logo on mile markers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County has caused its duly authorized officers, and the Fleet Feet has caused its duly authorized officers to execute this Agreement, this the _____ day of _____, 2011.

FLEET FEET SAVANNAH

BY: _____
Robert Espinoza

ATTEST: _____

Executed in the presence of:

Witness

Notary Public, Chatham County, GA

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF CHATHAM COUNTY

BY: _____
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COMMISSION

Executed in the presence of:

Witness

Notary Public, Chatham County, GA

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5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH AND TRANSMIT FUNDING TO THE GEORGIA INTERNATIONAL MARITIME TRADE CENTER FOR THE SLIP 3 RIVERWALK PROJECT ON HUTCHINSON ISLAND. [DISTRICT 3.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved for approval of an agreement with and transmit funding to the Georgia International Maritime Trade Center for the Slip 3 Riverwalk Project on Hutchinson Island. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present].

AGENDA ITEM: X-5
AGENDA DATE: April 8, 2011

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

ISSUE:
To approve an agreement with and transmit funding to the Georgia International Maritime Trade Center for the Slip 3 Riverwalk Project on Hutchinson Island.

BACKGROUND:
The 2008-2014 SPLOST includes \$4 million for the Slip 3 Riverwalk, a project which not only extends the pedestrian accessary by 1,450 linear feet but also helps to promote the development of county-owned Parcel 7. Funding for the project will be from the County SPLOST, state funds and federal funds.

- FACTS AND FINDINGS:**
1. The Trade Center awarded a construction contract for the Slip 3 Riverwalk. Work is under way.
 2. Due to declining sales tax collections, at the February 25 meeting the Board revised all 2008-2014 SPLOST project budgets to balance with revised revenue projections. The Slip 3 Riverwalk project would be reduced from \$4 million to \$3,370,134.
 3. Attached is an agreement which would authorize the payment to the Trade Center Authority for the Slip 3 Riverwalk Project. Payment would be consistent with the revised revenue projections and schedule.

FUNDING:
2008-2014 SPLOST, Hutchinson Island Slip 3

- ALTERNATIVES:**
1. That the Board approve the contract.
 2. That the Board offer amendments to the proposed contract.
 3. That the Board take no action.

POLICY ANALYSIS:
The proposed agreement remains consistent with state law's provisions of SPLOST and meets revised revenue projections.

RECOMMENDATION:
That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

STATE OF GEORGIA)
)
COUNTY OF CHATHAM)

AGREEMENT FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF
SPECIAL PURPOSE SALES AND USE TAX PROCEEDS BY CHATHAM COUNTY
TO THE GEORGIA INTERNATIONAL MARITIME TRADE CENTER AUTHORITY
FOR THE HUTCHINSON ISLAND SLIP 3 PROJECT

This Agreement is entered into this 8th day of April 2011, by and between Chatham County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, hereinafter referred to as "County" and the Georgia International Maritime Trade Center Authority, an authority created by local act of the Georgia General Assembly, hereinafter referred to as "Trade Center Authority."

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the County has enacted and the voters have approved the collection of the Special Purpose Location Option Sales Tax, hereinafter referred to as "SPLOST 2008-2014" from October 12, 2008 and no later than September 30, 2014 for certain specified capital purposes as determined by the County and included in an intergovernmental agreement as authorized by Georgia law; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution, Referendum and Intergovernmental Agreements among the County and Municipalities provided for certain funding of capital improvement projects, as designated in Exhibit A of the SPLOST Resolution entitled "Projects and Priorities for SPLOST Distribution," totaling \$445,300,000, and a spreadsheet, "SPLOST 5... 6 Years... Final Agreement," constituting an approved summary of the plan and dated August 10, 2006; and

WHEREAS, among the certain projects, the Hutchinson Island Slip 3 Riverwalk project would be provided funding of \$4,000,000 to extend the riverwalk along Slip 3 along the property known as Parcel 7 of the Savannah Harbor Subdivision, which will be a capital outlay that will result in promoting the health, safety and welfare, and economic development, benefit and use of the entire Chatham County community.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. General Terms of Distribution

(a) Exhibit A of the SPLOST Resolution entitled "Projects and Priorities for SPLOST Distribution," totaling \$445,300,000, and a spreadsheet, "SPLOST 5... 6 Years... Final Agreement," provides \$4,000,000 in funding for "Hutchinson Island Slip 3."

(b) The Trade Center Authority agrees that the County shall only be obligated to make the distribution of funding based on the revised estimates of sales tax collections and amended budget adopted by the County for the SPLOST period 2008-2014. Based on an amended Project Budget Schedule for SPLOST V (2008-2014) as approved at the February 25, 2011 meeting, the revised amount for Hutchinson Island Slip 3 will be \$3,370,134, which represents a pro-rated reduction among all projects in the amount of the projected revenue collection. At the conclusion of the collection period of October 31, 2014, any difference between the revised amount and actual amount of collections as pro-rated among all capital projects will be provided to the Trade Center Authority for authorized capital outlay for Hutchinson Island Slip 3.

(c) The Trade Center Authority agrees that all SPLOST 2008-2014 funds received shall be used only for capital outlay for the Trade Center Authority's Project.

(d) The Trade Center Authority agrees that all SPLOST 2008-2014 funds received shall be accounted for in a separate fund and not commingled with other monies prior to expenditure for allowable uses.

(e) The Trade Center Authority agrees that SPLOST 2008-2014 funds received shall not be used to retire general obligation debt nor for general operating expenses. However, SPLOST 2008-2014 funds may be used for the payment of loans secured for the purposes of advanced funding of the capital improvement project as agreed by the County in anticipation of receipt of SPLOST funds and to avoid delay in implementation of the capital improvement project. The funds may be used for the design and engineering of approved capital outlay projects. SPLOST funds may not be used for purposes of payment of interest or financial carrying costs but only for the actual acquisition and construction implementation of the capital outlay project.

(f) The Trade Center Authority agrees that as required by Georgia law, the Trade Center Authority shall include in its annual audit and financial report specific information about the use of the SPLOST 2008-2014 funds.

(g) The Trade Center Authority agrees to retain all records pertaining to the receipt and expenditure of SPLOST 2008-2014 funds for a period of four years subsequent to the County's Year 6 distribution and to make the inspection and copying of such records available to the County upon request within at least three working days.

(h) The Trade Center Authority agrees that the Trade Center Authority shall abide by any other requirements regarding the use and accounting of SPLOST funds as specified by Georgia law and that in event it fails to follow the applicable requirements of law, the Trade Center Authority shall hold the County thereto harmless from any such failures.

(i) All SPLOST funds and interest received may only be used for projects constituting approved capital outlay projects. If circumstances arise which dictate that a project which initially seemed feasible and is no longer so, the governing body of Chatham County for which SPLOST funds for such project were allocated under this Agreement, may use its lawful discretion and make adjustment in the plan for funding said capital projects. In the event that the cost to complete projects in the category is greater than the amount allocated to the category under this Agreement, then the Trade Center Authority to which SPLOST funds for such category were allocated must make adjustment in its plan and scope for capital projects and utilize funds in categories pursuant to this Agreement. Prior to Trade Center Authority's substantial change and scope or alternative capital improvement project, it shall seek approval from Chatham County to ensure that said change and scope or alternative capital improvement project is SPLOST eligible and meets the requirement of law.

(j) The County reserves the right upon reasonable notice to conduct an audit of projects to ensure lawful use of funds.

(k) The County reserves the right to impose an administrative procedure and such other requirements as may reasonably be necessary to ensure that distribution and use of SPLOST proceeds are lawfully used.

(l) The Trade Center Authority agrees to reimburse the County for all SPLOST proceeds distributed which have been used in any capital improvement project in a manner that is not lawful or constitutes use of proceeds in a non-SPLOST eligible capital improvement project.

The Trade Center Authority understands and agrees that by acceptance of these SPLOST proceeds that it will not petition or request the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County to make or extend further funding related to this SPLOST program or other projects contemplated by the Trade Center Authority during the term of this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Trade Center Authority and the County have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their proper officers and so attested with their corporate seal affixed hereto set forth in multiple originals as of the date first written above.

GEORGIA INTERNATIONAL MARITIME
TRADE CENTER AUTHORITY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF CHATHAM COUNTY

BY: _____
Name:
Title:

BY: _____
Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Name:
Title:

ATTEST:

Frances Q. Rasmussen
Deputy Clerk of Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGALITY

County Attorney

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6. REQUEST FOR NEW LIQUOR POURING LICENSE FOR 2011. PETITIONER: SCOTT W. SMITH, D/B/A COASTAL HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC., LOCATED AT 1 FORT JACKSON ROAD, 31404. [DISTRICT 3.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved for approval of a new liquor pouring license for 2011. Petitioner: Scott W. Smith d/b/a Coastal Heritage Society, Inc., located at 1 Fort Jackson Road, 31404. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-6
AGENDA DATE: April 8, 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 for a new liquor pouring license for 2011, **Scott W. Smith, d/b/a Coastal Heritage Society, Inc.**, located at **1 Fort Jackson Road, Savannah, Georgia 31404.**

BACKGROUND
Ms. Smith requests approval for a new liquor pouring license in connection with an existing historic site.

- 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.

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Chief Willie Lovett

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Thomas moved for approval to award the following bids. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
A. Professional Services Contract	Juvenile Court	Karien Nettingham	\$14.00/hr	Supervision Fees Collected by Juvenile Court
B. Annual Service Agreement for eight (8) Powerwave Eaton UPS equipment systems	ICS	Eaton Corporation	\$13,985	General Fund/M&O - ICS
C. Emergency purchase and installation of a replacement 20-ton Carrier HVAC unit	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Southeastern Air Conditioning Company, Inc.	\$21,400	CIP - Facilities Maintenance and Operations
D. Change Order No. 4 to the contract for trash containers	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Republic Waste Services, Inc.	\$90/month Not to exceed six (6) months	General Fund/M&O - Administrative Services
E. Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract for additional scope of work to supply and install a catch basin at the MLK Boulevard side of the Judicial Courthouse	Special Projects	Pioneer Construction, Inc.	\$7,897	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Courthouse Renovations
F. Design and engineering contract for the Courthouse Master Plan, including renovation and addition at LEED Silver	Special Projects	PSA Dewberry with Barnard Architects	\$6,855,154	SPLOST Courthouse (\$3,855,154 FY 12 and \$3,000,000 FY 13)
G. Correction in contract amount for engineering services of Slip 1	Special Projects	Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung	\$31,262	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Hutchinson Island Riverwalk
H. One (1) used 2009 Ford Econoline van for the Detention Center	Fleet Operations	Fairway Lincoln Mercury	\$19,000	Confiscated Funds - Sheriff

AGENDA ITEM: X-7 A thru H
AGENDA DATE: April 8, 2011

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

ITEM A

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order No. 1, to the Professional Service Contracts, (PSC's) with the addition of Karien Nettingham at \$14.00 per hour for the "as required" instructions and supervision of youth under the jurisdiction of Juvenile Court.

BACKGROUND: On 25 March 2011, the Board approved an award of nine (9) individuals who provide community service opportunities to children who haven't been ordered by Juvenile Court to perform community service as symbolic restitution or as a consequence or sanctions 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 their 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

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 1, to the Professional Services Contracts, (PSC's) with the addition of Karien Nettingham at \$14.00 per hour for the "as required" instructions and supervision of youth under the jurisdiction of Juvenile court.
2. Provide staff with other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: Georgia Law and *The Chatham County Purchasing Ordinance and Procedures Manual* provide authority for the Board to enter into agreements for professional services.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
 GLORIA SLAUGH

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$13,985 sole source annual service agreement for eight (8) Powerware Eaton UPS equipment systems from Eaton Corp for I.C.S. department.

BACKGROUND: I.C.S. purchased eight (8) Powerware UPS systems from Eaton Corporation and the annual support maintenance needs to be purchased through Eaton Corporation. Eaton Corp does not have any authorized 3rd party service provider vendors in this area. They state that other vendors may be able to quote but will not be able to provide the proper equipment and/or software necessary to perform full Preventative Maintenance and scope of work or emergency repairs.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. I.C.S. recommends preventive maintenance contracts to prevent severe damage to County equipment and provide temporary power during power failures. This service gives 7 x 24 coverage and also gives preventive maintenance to both the UPS system and to the batteries within the system.
2. Uninterruptible power supplies absorb power surges, smooth out noisy power sources, provide power to equipment during line sags, and provide temporary power after a blackout.

- Staff believes the total cost of \$13,985 for annual maintenance on the eight (8) UPS systems to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

- Board approval of a \$13,985 sole source annual service agreement for eight (8) Powerware Eaton UPS equipment systems from Eaton Corp for I.C.S. department.
- Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary support for purchased equipment hardware for the functionality of the network operations.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SLAUGH

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board confirmation of the \$21,400 emergency purchase and installation of a replacement 20-ton Carrier HVAC unit from Southeastern Air Conditioning Company, Inc., for the Oglethorpe Mall Branch Library.

BACKGROUND: The Oglethorpe Mall Branch Library operates with one (1) HVAC unit for its heating and cooling. The current unit is over ten (10) years old and is no longer in operation. A service call revealed the unit was beyond repair and in need of replacement.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- In the past, numerous repairs have been made on the existing unit. At this time the air condition condenser unit is non-repairable. Soon the temperature inside will become unbearable to employees and the public. The library will not be able to maintain its daily functions without the new system.
- Staff requested pricing from several local vendors to expedite the process. The quotes are as follows:

Southeastern Air Conditioning, Inc. Garden City, GA	\$21,400
Boaen Mechanical Contractors Savannah, GA	\$22,450
- Staff requested emergency approval from the Chairman so the purchase and installation could be made in a timely manner. He concurred (see attached page 11) and directed staff to seek Board confirmation at their next scheduled meeting.

FUNDING: CIP – Facilities Maintenance and Operations
(3501565 - 54.13001 - 35030002)

ALTERNATIVES:

- Board confirmation of the \$21,400 emergency purchase and installation of a replacement 20-ton Carrier HVAC unit from Southeastern Air Conditioning Company, Inc., for the Oglethorpe Mall Branch Library.
- Provide staff with other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order No. 4, in the amount of \$90 per month to the annual contract with Republic Waste Services, Inc., to include in the scope of services a six (6) yard trash container at the new Records Center.

BACKGROUND: On 12 May 2006, the Board approved a waste disposal services contract with Republic Waste Services, Inc.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- Administrative Services has requested a once a week waste disposal service to remove accumulated waste from the premises.
- Staff requested a price quotation from Republic Waste Service, Inc. to provide a six (6) yard trash container and service at the new Records Center.

3. Republic Waste quoted staff an additional fee of \$90 per month, which would result in a yearly cost of \$1,080 for service at this location.

4. Contract history is as follows:

Original Contract Amount (05-12-06)	\$37,980/Year
Change Order No. 1 (12-07-07)	\$ 1,272/Year
Change Order No. 2 (10-17-08)	\$ 240/Year
Change Order No. 3 (06-12-09)	\$ 1,644/Year
Change Order No. 4 (Pending)	\$ 1,080/Year
Revised Contract Amount	\$42,216/Year

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O – Administrative Services
(1001580 – 52.21101)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 4, in the amount of \$90 per month, to the annual contract with Republic Waste Services, Inc., to include in the scope of services a six (6) yard trash container at the new Records Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SLAUGH

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$7,897, to the construction contract with Pioneer Construction, Inc., an MBE firm, for additional scope of work to supply and install a catch basin at the MLK Boulevard side of the Judicial Courthouse.

BACKGROUND: On 11 February 2011, the Board approved a construction contract to Pioneer Construction, Inc., for landscaping improvements at the Judicial Courthouse.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The additional scope of work is necessary due to unforeseen site variations that surfaced after the project was initiated. The principal issue that initiated the change was excessive water collecting at the MLK Boulevard side of the project. The optimal decision was to design a catch basin to collect water and drain it into the sewer at MLK Boulevard.
2. The change order will include the supply and installation of a catch basin, extension ring at manhole and additional sod and plants.
3. The project manager, along with the landscape architecture have reviewed the cost provided by Pioneer Construction, Inc., and believes the cost to be fair and reasonable.
4. Contract history is as follows:

Original Contract Amount (02-11-11)	\$116,741
Change Order No. 1 (Pending)	\$ 7,897
Revised Contract Amount	\$124,638

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$7,897 to the construction contract with Pioneer Construction, Inc., an MBE firm, for additional scope of work to supply and install a catch basin on the MLK Boulevard side of the Judicial Courthouse.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
TOME DRANE

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$6,855,154 design and engineering contract with PSA Dewberry in association with Barnard & Associates for the Courthouse Master Plan, including renovation and an addition at LEED-Silver.

BACKGROUND: After a competitive process, the Board awarded a contract with PSA Dewberry in association with Barnard & Associates for design and engineering of the Courthouse project. Start of design was held in abeyance pending the release of funding in the 2008-2014 SPLOST, which the Board approved at the 25 February 2011 meeting.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The design and engineering contract will provide schematic, design development, construction drawings and administration for three (3) main phases of the Courthouse project.
 - 1.1 Design and engineering of the third floor for additional courtrooms and chambers, which will require renovating the current Tax Commissioner's Office to Relocate Recorder's Court, renovating the current Recorder's Court space for Magistrate Court and relocating the Clerk of Superior Court to the 5th Floor in the area vacated by the Board of Assessors and ICS Offices. Concurrent with this work, a new lobby area and entry will be designated and constructed and emphasis will be placed on ADA compliance, code updates and security.
 - 1.2 Design and engineering for a 135,000 square-foot addition of new construction. Plans call for planning and designing/engineering the addition, including Historic Board Review. Funding for construction will not be available until at least 2015, but the plans will be shovel-ready.
 - 1.3 Design and engineering to update other office areas and modernize courtrooms. The building dates back more than 30 years, and many of the systems need modernizing and updating for code compliance.
2. The design team has submitted a fee proposal of \$6,844,154, which includes fees to meet LEED-Silver certification.
3. The project design and engineering team includes 23.67% minority participation (of the minority participation, 22.89% of it remains local).
4. Staff has reviewed the scope of work and fees and believes them reasonable.

FUNDING: Funding will be split as follows SPLOST/Courthouse:
\$3,855,154, FY 12 and \$3,000,000 FY 13

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$6,855,154 design and engineering contract with Dewberry PSA in association with Barnard & Associates for the Courthouse Master Plan, including renovation and an addition at LEED-Silver.
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 approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____

TOM DRANE

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$31,262 payment to Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung (HGBD) for previously unpaid work on the engineering contract for the Slip 1 Riverwalk extension.

BACKGROUND: In September 2002, Chatham County executed a contract to Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung to design the extension of the 2,150 LF of riverwalk on Hutchinson Island along the land-based perimeter of Slip 1. HGBD completed all work under the terms of the contract, and Chatham County closed out the contract in 2003. However, an audit shows an unpaid amount of \$31,261.81. Staff has also reconciled the unpaid amount and agrees that HGBD should be paid the unpaid balance.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. HGBD contacted staff about the unpaid amount under a contract closed out seven (7) years ago and regretted the delay. Staff researched the contract file to determine the difference and concluded HGBD should be entitled to the payment. The unpaid work related to last-minute surveys to complete a complex set of property documents (i.e. fee title and easements from CSX Real Property) for certification to GDOT of County ownership and initial design work to ensure the riverwalk project remained compatible for the future marina. The unpaid work totals \$31,262.
2. Part of the problem stems from the period of time which has expired since Chatham County closed out the contract. In addition, because of funding issues (i.e. riverwalk construction estimated at \$14 million, while only \$8 million remains available), construction never moved forward.
3. Under HGBD's contract, the engineering firm completed design and engineering, archeological survey and mitigation plan for dredged spoil disposal. The quality of the firm's work is not in dispute.

FUNDING: SPLOST (1998-2003) – Hutchinson Island Riverwalk

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of a \$31,262 payment to Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung for previously unpaid work on the engineering contract for the Slip 1 Riverwalk Extension.
- 2. Board take other action.

POLICY ANALYSIS: State law and Chatham County Purchasing Ordinance and Procedures require Board approval of contracts, including contract amounts and terms.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$19,000 purchase of one (1) used 2009 Ford Econoline van, as an addition to the fleet, for the Detention Center from Fairway Lincoln Mercury of Savannah.

BACKGROUND: This vehicle will be used to transport Administrative Personnel.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. To meet the Detention Center’s needs, staff requested quotes from only the local car dealers that normally respond to bids. Specifications required each firm to submit pricing on an appropriate vehicle. This provides the Detention Center staff with maximum flexibility in selecting the vehicle best suited for their needs.
- 2. The Fleet Manager and representative from the Detention Center selected this vehicle based on utility and value.
- 3. Staff believes the total cost of \$19,000 for the used vehicle to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: Confiscated Funds – Sheriff
(2113300 – 54.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Request Board approval of a \$19,000 purchase of one (1) used 2009 Ford Econoline van as an addition to the fleet for the Detention Center from Fairway Lincoln Mercury of Savannah.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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’s no First Readings.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

Chairman Liakakis said, no Second Readings.

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Liakakis said, and the Information Items you’ve got that in your packet and all, and now, we need a motion on the floor to go into Executive Session on a personnel matter.

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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ORDER OF BUSINESS – REPORT ON FORT JACKSON

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Monahan's waiving at you.

Assistant County Manager Pat Monahan said, Scott Smith from Fort Jackson's here. He actually came on another matter but wanted to make just a brief presentation to the Commission. It won't take more than fifteen seconds.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Scott Smith said, I – I hate to contradict Pat, but I've never talked for only fifteen seconds. Ever.

Commissioner Farrell said, that got you to the podium.

Mr. Scott said, but I did come in case you had a question about our matter and I do thank you for your support. But we will be improving our facility to meet all of the guidelines with the SPLOST money that's been made available by the Commission. Also wanted to give a brief report. We have – we're completing the first phase of our SPLOST project which is being done with a \$300,000 federal grant match to take care of the structural issues of the historic fabric of the Fort itself, and it's nearing completion. When we estimated the project, we thought we could do about 60 percent of the total work we identified. But by using an in-house team of craftsmen and engineers, we were able to actually complete almost 100,000 – 100 percent of the work. Instead of getting \$600,000 worth of work initially anticipated, we've now squeezed in the whole 100,000 into that 600,000 budget. Also, last Friday, this particular project, the masonry project at the Fort was given an award by the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation. One of about 15 or so they gave out, and the County is a partner in this, not only in allowing the SPLOST vote to include this project, but also by allowing the flexibility that allowed us working County staff to put a team of motivated craftsmen, many of them preservation students on the project, which resulted in a high quality and very efficient operation with low overhead, zero profit, zero contingencies. So we're very pleased that we've had the cooperation of the County to use these somewhat atypical approaches to the construction and restoration, and we'll have a framed copy of this for the County at a later date. We want to thank you all for what you've done in helping with our project.

Chairman Liakakis said, well, we'd like to thank you because as the director and the things that you have put into place over the years with your staff and your volunteers have done an outstanding job because that particular Fort which is part of our history and what all has been done there, of course, to keep that in great shape, and all of the things at the railroad barn, and what you're going to be doing in that huge room over there, and that will even help our tourists with their children and all for all of the particular items you'll be adding in there. That's really terrific. So thank you on behalf of the Chatham County Commission for all the hard work that has been done and the dedication and loyalty for all of those that are involved.

Mr. Scott said, well – well thank you. And the first phase of the Children's Museum will open in March of 2012.

Chairman Liakakis said, great. Thank you.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Liakakis said, now we need that motion on the floor –

County Manager Abolt said, personnel.

Chairman Liakakis said, for personnel matters only.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Liakakis said, do we have a second?

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Upon motion being made by Commissioner Stone and seconded by Commissioner Holmes, the Board recessed at 11:28 a.m., to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation and personnel. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone 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 Shay seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:55 a.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF APRIL, 2011.

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

JANICE E. BOCOOK, INTERIM CLERK OF COMMISSION