

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 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 9:45 a.m. on Friday, June 24, 2011.

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Liakakis said, I call on Commissioner Dave Gellatly for the Invocation, please.

Commissioner Gellatly said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Commissioner Gellatly gave the invocation.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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IV. ROLL CALL

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, I call on our temporary clerk, Barbara Wright, for the roll call, please.

The Clerk called the roll.

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

Also present: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney
Barbara Wright, Temporary County Clerk

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, next on the agenda, let me see. Is Colonel Aguilar in the audience? Colonel Aguilar? Okay, then we'll go to the graduation ceremony for the 2010-2011 Chatham County Youth Commission. Van [Johnson]?

1. GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR THE 2010-2011 CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION.

Mr. Van Johnson said, thank you, good morning, Dr. Thomas, Commissioner Stone, gentlemen, this is – time is one of the happiest times of the year and at the same time, one of the saddest times in the year as we watch your collective investment to the world grow up and walk in their destiny. It gives me great pleasure this morning to introduce you to the 2001 – 2011, excuse me, graduating class of Chatham County Youth Commission. I thank you for the continuing support of this 19-year endeavor. I thank Dr. Thomas for her vision, her enthusiastic support of these young people. I thank Mr. Abolt, Mr. Kaigler, all the County department heads and my wonderful team of Mrs. Debra Allen, Ms.

Takiyah Martin, Ms. Marilyn Rodriguez, Mrs. Zadonna Slay, Ms. Rizza Palmares, Mr. Lester Foster, and of course, Mr. Pete Nichols and Ms. Sandra Smalls. We certainly want to thank our partners in progress, the parents, the grandparents, aunts and uncles of these fine young people. We've certainly cried with them during the bad times, and we have celebrated with them during the good times. I would like all of the parents and loved ones of our graduates to please stand and be recognized. And to our graduates, my children – to our children, I can only offer these famous but true words of wisdom. If you can walk with crowds and keep your virtue or walk with kings nor lose the common touch, if neither foes or loving friends can hurt you, if all men count with you, but none too much: if you can fill the unforgiving minute with 60 seconds worth of distance run, yours is the earth and everything that is in it. And which is more, you will be a man, you will be a daughter – you will be a woman, my son, my daughter. I would ask Mr. Chairman, Dr. Thomas, if you would come down as we recognize our graduates.

Mr. Johnson said, our first graduate is our Chairperson. Samantha Schikowski is a three-term Youth Commissioner graduating from Johnson High School. She is an IB candidate, and she will be going to Georgia State University's Honor's College. We are going to ask the parents to come down as well.

Mr. Johnson said, Kristen Palmares is our vice-chair. She's a third-term Youth Commissioner. She graduated from Calvary Day School. She is unable to be with us because she has already started her studies at Georgia Tech. We are proud to have with us another Youth Commission graduate, her big sister, who is a former Youth Commissioner, who graduated from law school, and now serves us in the Chatham County District Attorney's office, Ms. Rizza Palmares.

Mr. Johnson said, Carley Dawson, executive member. She's a third – three – third term Youth Commissioner. She graduated from Savannah Arts Academy. She will be going to Georgia Southern University.

Mr. Johnson said, Jazmine Ellis is an executive member. She's a three-term Youth Commissioner from Groves High School. She will be attending Clayton State University.

Mr. Johnson said, Nikkia McNeal is a one-term Youth Commissioner. She graduated from Johnson High School. She will be attending Darton University.

Mr. Johnson said, and Anika Smith, a one term Youth Commissioner from Saint Vincent's Academy. She will be attending Albany State University.

Mr. Johnson said, let's congratulate – congratulate all of our graduates. You may be seated. We have just a few comments now.

Ms. Samantha Schikowski said, good morning Chairman Liakakis, Commissioner and Founder Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, County Commissioners, family, friends, and fellow Chatham County Youth Commissioners. I thought time and time again how would I speak about four years of Youth Commission? How would I speak about the friendships I've made and the lessons I've learned? And each time I would review my speech, I would tweak something here and there trying to change it; trying to perfect it; trying to make myself sound as diplomatic as possible so that you all could see how Youth Commission has helped each of us grown. But then I realized that this is my family, and I can't really write a speech to address my family. When I joined the Youth Commission, I just thought I knew it all. I was coming in as an A-student, and Mr. Johnson was always the type where he wasn't impressed by you completing tasks that you were supposed to complete. When I was in candidacy, Mr. Johnson would often ask us questions about how we did in school; did you complete this assignment? And I was quick to say, oh yeah, I did it. You know, I – I did it. I'm – I'm here, hello, here I am, and Mr. Johnson would say, okay. You're supposed to be here. And that was the first time I learned that you have to do more to prove yourself. And throughout Youth Commission, we've always had to do tasks on our own with the support of the Commission, with the support of Mr. Johnson and his staff, and it really helped me grow to prove myself and learn what all I could accomplish. In going to college, of course, you have to write a personal statement, and I chose the prompt, What Was Your Greatest Experience in Your Life Thus Far? And I knew without a doubt that it was the Chatham County Youth Commission. When I joined Youth Commission, I was very insecure. My family had just suffered from a great loss, and I was broken more or less. Youth Commission really picked me up and taught me that I am much more than someone who suffered from a loss. I am much more than someone who is insecure at times. I'm a person who can still strive and be all that I want to be. In my personal statement I wrote that there's a store window on the top floor of a building and in it is a cage with a girl inside, and I was the girl inside, caged by my insecurities and caged by all obstacles. And the cage finally burnt down when I found a candle and the flame burnt bright enough and vibrant enough to burn down that cage. And that flame was from Youth Commission. Youth Commission has ignited a fire in not only me but in all these Youth Commissioners behind us to burn down any and all obstacles in our way. And that flame would not be possible without some special people. To Mr. Johnson – where's Mr. Johnson – oh, okay, to Mr. Johnson, I thank you personally. To our graduate advisors, Ms. Slay and Ms. Palmares, thank you. To our – Mr. Johnson's staff, Ms. Martin, Ms. Allen, Ms. Rodriguez, thank you. They really don't get enough thank you's. They do so much for us. To everyone who's helped us, to family and friends, thank you. Ironically enough, I found some quotes in a book about the Muppets entitled "It's Not Easy Being Green" and though it's kind of a pre-school book, I thought it fit directly with what I wanted to talk about today. I read the quote by Kevin Clash, "in a company the mannerisms and standards of the boss trickles down." And I thought that was so, you know, just exemplary of Mr. Johnson. His standards always trickle down to us, and he teaches us not by saying, but by his raised expectations, and we've learned to expect more of not only Chatham County, not only the youth, but we expect more of each us. And until you have that raised expectation of yourself, you will not grow. And I thank you for that Mr. Johnson.

Ms. Schikowski said, I read another quote – it was about Jim, the creator of the Muppets. And I think the Youth Commission is, you know, like the Muppets. We're a group of crazy characters that collaborate to spread a brighter

message. And the quote was, "Jim didn't tell you what to do, he just was. And by him being what he was he lead and he taught. But by not answering, sometimes you answered your own question, and you could do more than you thought you could." And to me that was exemplary of Ms. Slay. She never repeats herself. When she tells you, she tells you once. And new candidates, you will learn that quickly. Ms. Slay is not one to play with. But yet and still with her being who she was, she really taught me what a business woman was. She was really my role model throughout this process, and I really look up to her. So I thank you for that. To parents who helped us along the way and all family members. The attitude you have as a parent is what your kids will learn from more than what you tell them. They don't remember what you try to teach them, they remember what you are. So to the parents who supported us and put us in this Youth Commission and drove us to meetings, thank you because you showed us that you are a true support system, and we learned from that rather than clean your room. So, thank you.

Ms. Schikowski said, in speaking of my experiences, Mr. Johnson told me yesterday that this speech would be my moment to shine, but it never really was my moment to have, just like it wasn't yours. It was ours together. Our moment to shine and ignite our flame as one. And I have one last quote by Cantus Fraggie, you could be a coward, you could be a king, you could be the kind of kid who teaches us to sing. You could be whatever your little heart desires, you could be a walking talking breathing ball of fire. Sometimes a mountain, sometimes a stone, sometimes a river winding round to find a home. You could crawl away, you could fly high. You could be a walking talking breathing ball of fire. And we're all fire together as we ignite our flames and continue in our future.

Ms. Schikowski said, so if we could stand one last time together and recite our core values. Chatham County Youth Commissioners what are our core values?

Youth Commissioners collectively said, respect, success, influence, integrity, leadership.

Ms. Schikowski said, as Chatham County Youth Commissioners,

Youth Commission collectively said, we shall excel in our school, community, and government. Be responsible and respectful young adults. Make a difference in our community. Reach our full potential and be strong student leaders by providing safe and inviting opportunities for youth.

Ms. Schikowski said, thank you. This is what our candle has provided. This is what our flame has produced. So I thank you Commissioners for your continued support. I thank everyone who supported us. To the future executive board, thank you for supporting me in my travels thus far. And I wish you all the best of luck. And to my board, who's graduating as well, thank you.

Ms. Jazmine Ellis said, good morning. My name is Jazmine Ellis and I'm a graduate of Groves High School. The Beverly M. Whitehead Award is named in honor of Chatham County's first Human Resource Director, who passed away in 1998. This Award recognizes organizations and/or individuals who have provided exceptional service to the youth throughout Chatham County – throughout the Chatham County Youth Commission. Here to present this award is Ms. Whitehead's daughter, Monica Whitehead.

Ms. Monica Whitehead said, good morning. I'm very excited to be here. I haven't been able to be here in a few years, so whenever I can come, it's always a pleasure. Anyone that knew my mother knew that anybody's child was her first love, and her second love was anybody else other than their child. So she has had a love affair with people for all my life that I know. So youth were people that she took under her wing, that she nurtured, that she helped grow, that she educated. She never saw them as a bother; never saw them as a pester; never saw them as a waste of time, a drain on society, all these labels that people can put them – put on them. She saw them as an opportunity to grow. An opportunity to help them and turn into these wonderful people that I see behind me today. So I'm very honored to – to give out this award, and I'm presenting it to the Coastal Health District.

Ms. Cristina Gibson said, this is a great surprise. I'm totally surprised. I wanted to thank the Youth Commission publicly for helping spearhead the 100% tobacco free schools policy adoption by the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System. That was a really, really big effort that they – they advocated for, and as a result, all the – the children and the students in the public school system are now protected from second-hand smoke 100%. So thank you for this award. On behalf of the Coastal Health District we want to continue this partnership, and we know that it's a very valuable one. Thank you.

Ms. Zadonna Slay said, good morning. The Brandon Brown Youth Commissioner of the Year Award is named in honor of a young man who exemplified the core values of the Youth Commission. Brandon was my friend, my brother, and certainly one who left us too soon when he passed away in 2004 at the age of 21. Here to present this prestigious award is his mother, Mrs. Sadie Brown.

Ms. Sadie Brown said, good morning.

Chairman Liakakis said, good morning.

Commissioner Shay said, good morning.

Ms. Brown said, before I present this award, I would like to present a challenge to the Youth Commissioners. As I stand here, as Zadonna [Slay] said, I look at Zadonna [Slay] and – stand for me please. I look at this young lady. I taught her in the seventh grade, and here she have a daughter that's graduating from high school. Well, that's okay. But you standing in. That makes me young. The challenge I have for you young people today, if you knew Brandon, y'all know of Brandon, but you did not know Brandon. If Brandon was here today, you all would be saying and Mr. Johnson would be saying, oh, my Lord, what you gonna do now. But as I look at you young people and I see so many young men, I want to challenge you to be a Brandon at heart. In your travels, pick up two colleagues, just two that you

do not think whatever travels your path and take them with you on one of your community efforts. Let them know that you are the chosen, that they can also be the chosen. As I go into the schools, I see so many young people that says to themselves and say to me, life is just life. And if Brandon was here today, I would wonder where would he be? What would he be doing right now? His goal was to become – his career was to become a DJ. He accomplished that. Did he live to enjoy that? No he did not. He did not live to draw one paycheck, but today I reap the benefits. You see Zadonna [Slay]? She does not miss a week from calling asking me how I'm doing. My name is Momma Sadie, and I'll be your momma. And I want to say to the parents, twelve years ago I stood where you stood this morning, and it's a honor to be here. But I'm saying to you again young people, just pick up two, because one of them will pick up two and then those two will pick up two. You see so many of your colleagues today are so unhappy, so angry, so sad. And I sat here today, and I have to pick on him, then I'm gonna go on. Young man and his sister back there, she was just giving him all the love she could give him, and he was just pushing her away. But in the end, in the end, he gave her the biggest kiss he could give. So you see, that's another leader. So on this note, I want to present the Brown – Brandon L. Brown Award to Victoria Conley. Victoria [Conley] let me tell you, I give this because Brandon was little Tigger, and little Tigger is always into stuff. Well guess what, I brought some friends with me today, so I'm challenging you to take some friends with you and you become a little Tigger. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, and like to congratulate all of the graduates and the other members of the Chatham County Youth Commission. Glad to have you here today, and what I'd like to do right now is introduce two of them. Because at each Chatham County Commission meeting, we have two or three of the Youth Commissioners who come up, and they participate in our agenda. And on my left here, your right, is Joseph Drought, who is the vice-chairman elect and is representing Benedictine Miliary School, and next to him is Eric Bradley, who is the chairman elect, and he is representing Jenkins High School. Glad to have both of you here this morning.

Chairman Liakakis said, so thank you, Van [Johnson]. We appreciate all the work that you do, and of course, we really appreciate Priscilla Thomas who came up with this idea many years ago, and we can see that many of the graduates from the Chatham County Youth Commission have gone to much higher levels. Many of them have graduated from the university, colleges around the country. Many of them have stepped up in their lives. Some of them have businesses; some of them have great positions in different areas, and we appreciate each and every one of you. And to all the parents and the loved ones, thank you very much for coming today.

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2. PROCLAMATION FOR UNDERSHERIFF DONNIE ANDERSON ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Next on the agenda, proclamation for Undersheriff Donnie Anderson on his retirement from the Sheriff's office. And today, Helen Stone, Commissioner Helen Stone will present that proclamation. Donnie [Anderson], would you come forth and anyone that's here from the Sheriff's Department, if they would come up to the podium also with you? And his family members, Donnie [Anderson], if you have any of your family members or friends here, if they would come up, while the proclamation is being read. And of course, we glad to see the Sheriff. The number one Sheriff in the U.S.A. coming forth also.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Stone read the proclamation as follows:



WHEREAS, Chatham County is privileged to have employees that take great pride in their duties and responsibilities, and in that regard we commend Undersheriff Donald E. Anderson; and

WHEREAS, Undersheriff Donald E. Anderson began his employment with Chatham County on January 13, 1975 as a Deputy Sheriff II with the Chatham County Sheriff's Office and was appointed Undersheriff on June 1, 1979 by the late Sheriff Carl Griffin, having outstanding knowledge of all operations as a seasoned and productive leader of the office; and

WHEREAS, his duties at the Chatham County Sheriff's Office provided him the opportunity to work in an environment that allowed him to touch the lives of many individuals in a positive manner in an effort to provide the supervision, guidance and meaningful mentoring needed to become productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, Undersheriff Donald E. Anderson took great pride in the uniform he wore, the principles he represented and the profession he embraced, meeting the many challenges placed upon law enforcement officers each and every day as carriers of its high standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pete Liakakis, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners do hereby salute:

UNDERSHERIFF DONALD E. ANDERSON

upon his retirement and express our sincere appreciation for over thirty six years of dedicated service to the citizens of Chatham County and extend best wishes for a long, happy, and healthy retirement..

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 24th day of June 2011.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to Chairman

Sheriff Al St. Lawrence said, well I don't know what all I can add about Donnie [Anderson]. Donnie [Anderson] is – I wish I could download his brain on the civil side of the law. He's – he's the go-to person on the civil and criminal side of the law for a lot of people in the department. He's been a very valuable asset. Been a very loyal County employee, and we all going to miss him. Donne [Anderson]?

Undersheriff Donald Anderson said, thirty-six years is a long time, and I've had the pleasure of working with quite a few Commissions, but I have to say that the present Commission and the recent Commissions have been the easiest to work with in all of my thirty – thirty-six years. When I first came, we – we ran the committee form of government. That was before Russ [Abolt], and that was pure agony, and so anyway, I've worked with Russ [Abolt] since he came. I've enjoyed working with him. I've enjoyed working with the Commission – this Commission. Chief Gellatly, I remember when he started at the Savannah Police Department, and we had quite a bit of contact over the years. But it's just been a – a great career for me. The Sheriff has – has – has taken great care of me. I've worked as Undersheriff under three Sheriff's, two Republicans and a Democrat. I'm proud of that. I survived all three. And I had a very good, rewarding career. But, like the Sheriff told me, he didn't understand why I wanted – wanted to leave, I had the best job in the department. Well, I did have the best job in the department. I had a sheriff who – who fought hard to get me the resources I needed to – to do the job. But I had staff, these people you see in the brown uniforms, are out there in the streets doing the job, working hard. Get very few complaints, and they just made me look good. So, you know, I appreciate that. And anyway, I appreciate everything. It's been a very – very rewarding career, and I thank you very much. And – and Barbara here was, when I first started, was Judge Oliver's court reporter, and I worked with her for quite a few years in the courtroom. So.

Chairman Liakakis said, Dave [Gellatly]?

Commissioner Gellatly said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. You know, Donnie [Anderson], I – I – I've been in law enforcement quite a few years before I retired, and I – I have to tell you there's a lot of law enforcement and other government employees come in for their retirement ceremonies or awards or what have you, and in many cases you're dealing with someone, if they've been here 36 years, they sucked up air and took up space, you know, but you – you don't even remotely fall in that category and – and you – you've always been a – a very hard worker, a true professional. Someone that over the years, who has helped me and guided me, and sometimes when I was getting the guidance, I didn't appreciate it, but I – I do at this point in time. I wish you the very best, and again, you are the true professional. Thank you.

Mr. Anderson said, thank you, Chief.

Chairman Liakakis said, Donnie [Anderson], thank you for the many years of service that you gave to our citizens because I've personally seen a number of things that you did, and not only in the Sheriff's office but in the community, and you really did an outstanding job. So thank you, and may God give you many more healthy years and a wonderful life in the future.

Mr. Anderson said, thank you, Pete [Liakakis]. Oh, the other night I forgot to introduce them. The one that looks most like me, that's my oldest son, D. He's the City Manager in the City of Cornelia, Georgia. He wants to come back to Chatham County, by the way Russ [Abolt]. That's his daughter, Candice. This is my youngest son, Fred, who is the chief investigator for the Savannah Fire Department. My wife couldn't be here today, but she's been putting up with me for 39 years, and I thank her for that. She – she's at home taking care of her mother. So, anyway. Thanks very much.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you, Donnie [Anderson].

Major Terry Enoch said, if I could just ask, just for a moment, the Undersheriff to come back up, and good morning. I would be remiss, and I stand here on behalf of – of all the employees of the Sheriff's Office, but especially the enforcement bureau. We have two bureaus within the Sheriff's department. The Undersheriff is – we look at him as one of the few framers of the new Sheriff's offices because as you know in 1984 we consolidated three Sheriff's office to form the current Sheriff's office we have today. But within every organization there's a position, that's there to do nothing but take care of the troops. Take care of the people that provide the services that we are asked to provide, that we are mandated to provide, and Donnie [Anderson] did that. He – his trusted leadership, he – he taught us a new style of – of management. It's a quiet management, but it was highly effective, and his leadership and management I can tell you will be ever woven in the fiber of the Sheriff's office, and I stand here on behalf of all the employees, and I can tell you your presence is already missed, but you have left your footprint in – in our hearts, and we are so thankful for your great service. Thank you.

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3. PROCLAMATION FOR BILL PARSON ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE PURCHASING DIVISION

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, next – next on the agenda is the proclamation for Bill Parson, who was head of the purchasing department for the County. Commissioner Patrick Farrell will present the proclamation. If – if Bill [Parson], if you would come up to the podium. Your family and people that are here with you today, that would be good.

Commissioner Farrell said, all right. I'd like to make this presentation of this proclamation.

Commissioner Farrell read the proclamation as follows:



WHEREAS, Chatham County is privileged to have employees that take great pride in their duties and responsibilities in their profession, and in that regard we commend William R. (Bill) Parson for his 14 years of service, and

WHEREAS, Bill after serving in the U.S. Army and retiring after 21 years of distinguished service continued his purchasing career with the State of Georgia as the Director of Procurement and Services at the Georgia Regional Hospital at Savannah and retired from the State of Georgia after ten (10) years of service, and

WHEREAS, Bill has obtained the highest certification that the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing bestows; that being a Certified Public Purchasing Official and has served the Purchasing profession as a past President of the local chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, and

WHEREAS, Bill continued his public service as Purchasing Agent for Chatham County in the Purchasing and Contracting Division, exemplifying the principles of Governmental Procurement, always able to meet the challenges of an ever changing governmental environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pete Liakakis, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby salute:

WILLIAM R. (BILL) PARSON

upon his retirement and express our sincere appreciation for over fourteen years of dedicated service to the citizens of Chatham County and extend best wishes for a long, happy, and healthy retirement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Chatham County to be affixed this the 24th day of June 2011.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to Chairman

Commissioner Farrell said, congratulations, Bill [Parson].

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, Dr. Thomas, Commissioner Stone, Gentlemen, Bill Parson is a very special individual. He does daily what underscores the commitment you make and we make to the absolute integrity and unquestioned procurement and acquisition of the goods and services necessary to run this organization. There is not a whole lot of glamour to it, but if you do it wrong, there is a whole lot of publicity to it. And we don't get it. We don't get it because in effect the quality of the man Bill Parson and those that stand to my left, to your right, as you look are. The staff of purchasing is truly outstanding. Bill is – is a quiet hero. But I do want to tell you one story about Mr. Parson, he's also a quiet part of a very special movie, and Bill – Bill, like I, served in Vietnam, came back and was stationed at Ft. Bragg, and was then on the set and somewhere in the scene a green beret, along with John Wayne, you'll find somewhere Bill Parson. I've looked at that movie and I've looked at that movie. He's says he's in a (unintelligible) or something, I still can't find Bill.

Mr. Bill Parson said, thank you. Mr. Chairman, Commissioner, I appreciate this. I'm not going to say a whole lot. I know you're rushed for time today, but I do want to have all the purchasing staff here. And I tell you what, they – they've been a great group, and we're facilitators. We try to get it done without a whole lot of the commotion and

everything like that. Sometimes – most of the times it works. But one of the first lessons I learned in the Army in procurement was I have a responsibility and that's always protect the integrity of the purchasing process, the competitive process, keep it fair and honest with integrity and ethical. And that's what I've always tried to do with the federal government, state government, and here in Chatham County. And if I would, I'd like to go ahead and introduce my wife here. My wife, Margaret; my daughter, Lindsey, she works at Juvenile Court, and the staff.

Chairman Liakakis said, raise your hand when he calls your name.

Mr. Parson said, this is Kathleen Watson-Scott, she's a procurement specialist; Syrina Mitchell, she is fixed asset. She keeps all control of all the property and everything for the County; Arneja Riley, she's minority business coordinator; Robin Maurer, she's procurement specialist; Alton Peterson, procurement specialist, and a high knowledgeable technology guy; Victoria Godlock, she's a procurement specialist, does contracts and also; Robert Marshall, he's the senior procurement specialist. He handles the construction and the A&E contracts; Leslie Prouty, back there, is assistant purchasing agent. And I owe a lot to this staff because they stood behind me and did a great job out there. And – and they didn't do – you didn't have to look over their shoulder a whole lot. They know what they're doing and they're professional. So you gonna have them around a while. And it's good. This 14 years have been good. This is actually my – my third retirement, and I don't – I don't think I'll ever retire 'cause I've been working since I was eight years old. And as – I'm not a NASCAR fan, but I'll just say one thing, boogity, boogity.

Chairman Liakakis said, oh, Bill [Parson]? Bill [Parson]?

Mr. Parson said, yes, sir?

Chairman Liakakis said, listen, I know the job that you did and your staff because I had to sign, and I did sign hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of the purchasing orders, you know, orders, and that was really important because to be able to move on with things, you had to do all those intricacies and make sure those purchasing orders were right and all, and then from that, you know, as soon as I sign it, then it went into the process right away. So thank you again, and to all of the staff. Patrick [Shay]?

Commissioner Shay said, Bill [Parson], the purchasing department is one of those magic departments in the Chatham County Government that we never hear about unless something goes wrong. And people don't really understand how much effort and – and talent it takes in order to be able to do all the procurements that you and your staff have done over the last 14 years. I want to thank you for being invisible, because your invisibility means that you're doing an excellent job and have done an excellent job, and I'd like to ask the staff to continue doing the great job that they – they've been doing under your service. Thank you so much.

Mr. Parson said, we all appreciate that.

Mr. Michael Kaigler said, Bill [Parson] on behalf of your staff, County Manager, myself, we want to present you with this lamp, as we do with other County retirees, but we ask that you display this somewhere prominent in your home and every time you look at it, you think of us here.

Mr. Parson said, it'll go in my new man cave.

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RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Chairman Liakakis said, and I see out in the audience we have Major Taulbert representing the Metropolitan Savannah-Chatham County Metropolitan Police Department. The Chief was unable to be here today, so she's representing the department. And also I see in the audience one of the top publishers in the United States also, who is the publisher for the Savannah Morning News and the leader over there in the audience. Glad to have you here, Michael Traynor.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

1. REQUEST BOARD CONFIRM SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIRMAN ON THE TENDER AGREEMENT WITH FIRST SEALORD SURETY, INC., FOR THE KINGS FERRY PARK (BOAT RAMP) IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

Chairman Liakakis said, next on the agenda is Item VI, request Board confirm signature of the Chairman on the Tender Agreement with First Sealord Surety, Incorporated for the Kings Ferry Park, the Boat Ramp Improvement Project. What happened was, the County had to cancel the contract with the former construction company because they were way behind, and they did not meet the things that were necessary and it was like I said, way behind and quite a number of people use that Kings Ferry ramp in that area over there. So now because of our County Manager, Assistant County Manager, over here, what they did was went against the Surety Company and then also putting into affect – so we want everybody to know that the way they are setting it up now, you weren't able to use the ramp, but they are going to have one side of the ramp where you can use it very shortly so that the 4th of July, we know we have a tremendous amount of people coming out in that area, so everybody that – that, you know, that might be watching us, we want you to know that please, you know, you are able now to come out and use the King Ferry's ramp.

County Manager Abolt said, we need a motion.

Chairman Liakakis said, and now we need a motion on the floor for the approval of this item.

Commissioner Farrell said, moved.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

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

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, thank you for your kind words, but I also want to particularly recognize, Suzanne Cooler, Leon Davenport, Al Bungard, and the County Attorney for making this happen.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. Thank you to our good staff again.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve the signature of the Chairman on the Tender Agreement with First Sealord Surety, Inc., for the Kings Ferry Park (boat ramp) Improvement Project. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: VI-1
AGENDA DATE: June 24, 2011

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

ISSUE: Request Board confirm signature of the Chairman on the Tender Agreement with First Sealord Surety, Inc. for the Kings Ferry Park (Boat Ramp) Improvements Project.

BACKGROUND: This involves a Tender Agreement in which the County through an alternative contractor will complete the Kings Ferry Park (Boat Ramp) improvements in the most expeditious manner available. The County terminated the primary contractor, R.K. General Contracting, LLC, and called upon the surety, First Sealord Surety, Inc., under the performance bond and payment bond. Subsequently, First Sealord Surety, Inc. and the County reached a Tender Agreement to allow the alternative contractor, Crossroads Construction, Inc. (Crossroads) to complete the work while leaving the payment bond in effect for all services and materials provided on the Project prior to mobilization of the alternative contractor. Crossroads Construction, Inc. is the contractor that is preferred by the Department of Engineering staff for capability and willingness to complete the project in an expeditious and cost-effective manner.

Crossroads is a locally owned company which was the paving and grading subcontractor prior to termination of the contract with R.K. General Contracting, LLC. Crossroads is familiar with the plans and specifications of the project.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. On August 13, 2010, the County entered into a Construction Services Contract, No. 10-12-4-4, ("Contract") with R. K. General Contracting, LLC for construction services on the Kings Ferry Park (Boat Ramp) Improvements.
2. In connection with the Contract, R. K. General Contracting, LLC and First Sealord Surety, Inc. executed in favor of the County their payment and performance bonds for the full amount of the Contract.
3. On May 23, 2011, the County terminated R.K. General Contracting, LLC from the Contract due to its default and failure to cure the same and called upon the surety on the contract, First Sealord Surety, Inc. ("Surety") (See Attachment "A-1" through "A-3").
4. The County and the Surety have agreed to allow the Surety to tender Crossroads Construction, Inc. to complete the remaining work on the Contract.

FUNDING: No additional funding is required.

POLICY ANALYSIS: Confirming the Tender Agreement with First Sealord Surety, Inc., will allow the County to immediately proceed to complete the Kings Ferry Park (Boat Ramp) Improvements Project.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Confirm signature of the Chairman on the Tender Agreement with First Sealord Surety, Inc.
2. Not confirm the signature of the Chairman on the agreements with First Sealord Surety, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION: To approve Alternative 1.

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS**1. NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH WOUNDED WARRIOR AWARDS (COMMISSIONER THOMAS). AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED BY MAJ. (RET.) BYRON A. STEPHENS, SR.**

Chairman Liakakis said, Item VII, Commissioner's Items, National County Government Month Wounded Warrior Awards Commissioner Thomas will help with the presenting of these awards, and the awards will be presented by Major (Ret.) Byron A. Stephens, Jr. If you will come to the podium?

Commissioner Thomas asked, is Major Byron here?

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah, he's here.

Commissioner Thomas said, Major Byron is being assisted by Sandra Smalls, who was the assistant chair person for National County Government Month, along with me.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Major Byron Stephens said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good morning members of the Chatham County. I'm here to represent the Warrior Transition Battalion, which is the – which is a group that Chatham County and Bass Angler Plus put together a – a fishing tournament at Lake Mayer. It was the first; it was very successful. We caught 78 pounds of large mouth bass. There was 28 fish, and we released them all back in the lake. I want to say that some of the success as far as finance is concerned, we basically paid for everything and still donated \$800 to the Wounded Warrior Transition Battalion at Ft. – at Ft. Stewart. Before I give out these awards, I want to read the mission statement of the Warrior Transition. I am a warrior in transition. My job is to heal. As I transition back on – back to duty and continue serving the nation as a veteran or continue to serve the nation as a veteran in my community. This is not a status but a mission. I will succeed in this mission because I'm a warrior, and I'm Army strong. That's who we're dealing with. I wear this shirt proud. The people who really help put this together was your staff, and I'd like very much to take and give awards to each of one of them. First award goes to Chatham County Government, Savannah, Georgia. The second award, who headed up your committee, Dr. Priscilla Thomas. Next award, Al Lipsey.

Commissioner Holmes said, did Al go fishing? Sir?

Commissioner Odell said, no speech, Al.

Major Stephens said, he stocked the lake. Next award goes to Vicki Blumberg. This next award, Mr. Chairman, goes to a young man that works at the lake. I've never seen anybody with an attitude as strong as this guy. The conditions of the lake at the time when we had the tournament, we had no bridge. Nobody could get across the bridge, but he still had to take care of this lake. And I want to call up Orlando Taylor. Orlando [Taylor]?

Commissioner Thomas said, all right.

Major Stephens said, next award goes to Jerrell McRell. Next award goes to Pete Nichols. Pete did a great job with the – with the transmissions on this and – and all the photography for us.

Commissioner Thomas said, yes, yes.

Major Stephens said, the next young lady with a smile on her face, Danielle Hillery. She's not here, I guess. And the one that helped me make this thing possible is Sandra Smalls.

Commissioner Thomas said, yes, sir. All right.

Major Stephens said, Mr. Chairman, I would hope that – that we can make this an annual affair in April. I would – I would like very much if we could possibly do this say the first Saturday in April each year so that the County can represent these wounded soldiers. I want to thank you again and – and to say that Bass Angler Plus is now putting a 50-boat tournament together on July the 9th here in Chatham County. Twenty-five soldiers from the Wounded Warrior and twenty-five from the combat air. I thank you very much.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much. Express the thanks from the County Commission here because that was a – a great event, and I'm familiar, and I remember when it started, you know, and we spoke out for it, some of us did, and thank you again for that. Because those wounded warriors really enjoyed that to get out there and some people think oh, maybe their fishing, but they enjoyed themselves. They really thought that people did care about them to have that particular event. And we thank you and all of the members of your committee.

Major Stephens said, thank you, sir.

Commissioner Thomas said, Mr. Chairman? Just before Major Stephens leave, I too want to say again thank you so much for your leadership, also your son and – and your wife and others which played a major role. Without this commitment we would not have been successful. I want to tell you it was one of the largest – the largest demonstration of any kind in recognition of National County Government Month. And I want you to know that I expressed my concern to the National Association of Counties because I thought sure that we would have gotten some type of recognition

because we stayed within the theme, you know. We did everything above and beyond. However, they know my feelings. So just want to say that we want to keep up the partnership and what we did we did it because we loved what we were doing, and we were providing a commitment to these – not only the wounded soldiers but to the persons who have served, you know, in the armed services. And we appreciate everything that was done. So thank you so very much from Chatham County, the Commissioners, and everybody, and we look forward to working with you again. Thank you.

Major Stephens said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, and I'd like to say this, Commissioner Priscilla Thomas, from the beginning when we had the County recognition, time element, it used to be on a week – for one week –

Commissioner Thomas said, for one week.

Chairman Liakakis said, – and this year the National Association of Counties set that up for a month, and so that whole month with our particular staff and with Priscilla handling that, it made a big difference to see that we had a very successful Chatham County recognition for all of the things that were put together for the – by the County staff and especially to Priscilla Thomas.

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CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Chairman Liakakis said, next on the agenda, we will now recess as County Commission and convene as the Chatham Area Transit Authority for a special called meeting. This meeting won't last long because as soon as we go over an item, then we will quickly reconvene as the Chatham County Commission.

The Board recessed as the County Commission at 10:45 a.m., and convened as the Chatham Area Transit Authority.

Following adjournment of the Chatham Area Transit Authority, the Board reconvened at 11:05 a.m., as the County Commission.

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RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Chairman Liakakis said, I see there's someone in the audience. We appreciate the – the TV stations covering our meeting and all, but I see in the back we have Bill Cathcart, who is vice-president and general manager for WTOG television and glad to have you here, Bill. And former State Senator Eric Johnson's in the back. And as we know, even though he is not the Senate – the Senator Pro Tem there, but his influence is still great in our senate and other areas in the State government, and we appreciate his lobbying and the things that he does for us, for Chatham County and the City of Savannah and all the other cities in our County. Thank you.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

None.

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IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTION

(Unless the Board directs otherwise, adoption of an Action Item will mean approval of the respective County staff report and its recommended action.)

1. **TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS: 1) TRANSFER \$16,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND M&O CONTINGENCY TO TRANSFER OUT TO THE LAND BANK FUND TO ELIMINATE A DEFICIT FUND BALANCE, 2) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES IN THE LAND BANK FUND \$56,500 FOR THE TRANSFER IN FROM THE GENERAL FUND M&O AND FOR OTHER REVENUES RECEIVED, 3) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES IN THE MULTIPLE GRANT FUND \$2,500 FOR A GRANT FROM THE COUNCIL OF JUVENILE COURT JUDGES, AND 4) TRANSFER THE \$961,309 BUDGET FOR CHATHAM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FROM OTHER FINANCING USES TO PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE GENERAL FUND M&O.**

Chairman Liakakis said, next on the agenda, is the request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: 1) transfer \$16,000 from General Fund M&O contingency to Transfer Out to the Land Bank Fund to eliminate a deficit fund balance, 2) increase revenues and expenditures in the Land Bank Fund \$56,500 for the transfer in from the General Fund M&O and for other revenues received; item 3) increase revenues and expenditures in the Multiple Grant Fund \$2,500 for a grant from the Council of Juvenile Court Judges, and 4) transfer the \$961,309 budget for Chatham Emergency Management from other financing uses to Public Safety in the General Fund M&O. We need a motion on the floor.

Commissioner Farrell said, so moved.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, have a motion on the floor and a second. Dean [Kicklighter]?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I just want to point out under this sentence number 4, transfer \$960 – I want to point out sentence number 4, transfer \$961,309 budget for Chatham Emergency Management from other financing uses to Public Safety in the General Fund M&O. Just keep this transfer in mind when we're looking at budget options other than possible tax increases. There is money to be found in our budgets that are presented as being shown by this million dollars being shifted right now. That's it. I'll –

County Manager Abolt said, if I may?

Chairman Liakakis said, go ahead, Mr. County Manager.

County Manager Abolt said, this – this is purely done to avoid an audit finding as to where the dollars are. There's no new money here.

Chairman Liakakis said, explain that. Go from the top and explain that so people understand it.

County Manager Abolt said, I'll defer to Ms. Cramer, this is – but essentially what it is is we're putting it into the proper accounting so we'll not get an audit finding. Go ahead.

Ms. Linda Cramer, Finance Director, said, this year we're implementing a new GASB standard, and we're eliminating the presentation of CEMA as a separate fund, and we'll just show them as a department in your General Fund budget. So when you get your audit report this year, it will – it will look a little bit different. So we're really just moving the funding up on the existing General Fund resolution from what used to be a transfer out to CEMA to their special fund just that we're keeping that money in the General Fund and putting it under the public safety category. It's a little clean up. It's general clean up stuff. You know, it's not any new monies, so to speak.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, it further's my point that there is money to be shifted when necessary. That's it. I'll call for the question.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve following budget amendments and transfers: 1) transfer \$16,000 from the General Fund M&O contingency to Transfer Out to the Land Bank Fund to eliminate a deficit fund balance, 2) increase revenues and expenditures in the Land Bank Fund \$56,500 for the transfer in from the General Fund M&O and for other revenues received, 3) increase revenues and expenditures in the Multiple Grant Fund \$2,500 for a grant from the Council of Juvenile Court Judges, and 4) transfer the \$961,309 budget for Chatham Emergency Management from other financing uses to Public Safety in the General Fund M&O. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1
AGENDA DATE: June 24, 2011

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

ISSUE:

To request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: 1) transfer \$16,000 from the General Fund M&O contingency to Transfer Out to the Land Bank Fund to eliminate a deficit fund balance, 2) increase revenues and expenditures in the Land Bank Fund \$56,500 for the transfer in from the General Fund M&O and for other revenues received, 3) increase revenues and expenditures in the Multiple Grant Fund \$2,500 for a grant from the Council of Juvenile Court Judges, and 4) transfer the \$961,309 budget for Chatham Emergency Management from other financing uses to Public Safety in the General Fund M&O.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Land Bank Fund had a negative fund balance at the end of Fiscal Year 2010. Current year revenues are not sufficient to eliminate the deficit. A transfer of \$16,000 from the General Fund M&O to the Land Bank Fund will place the fund in a favorable position at the end of the FY2012.

2. The Land Bank Fund has received \$40,500 in revenue that is not budgeted. A budget amendment of \$56,500 to record this revenue as well as the transfer in from the General Fund M&O has been prepared. Correspondence and a resolution are attached.
3. Juvenile Court has received a \$2,500 grant from the Council of Juvenile Court Judges. A resolution to amend the Multiple Grant Fund is attached.
4. For Financial reporting purposes in the FY2011 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, Chatham Emergency Management (CEMA) will be listed as a public safety function. The attached budget resolution for the General Fund realigns this department accordingly.

FUNDING: Funds are available in the General Fund M&O Contingency for the transfers. The budget amendments will establish funding in the Land Bank Fund and the Multiple Grant Fund.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the following:

GENERAL FUND M&O

- a) transfer \$16,000 from Contingency to Transfer Out to the Land Bank Fund,
- b) transfer the \$961,309 budget for Emergency Management from other financing uses to Public Safety.

LAND BANK FUND

- a) increase revenues and expenditures \$40,500 for miscellaneous revenue,
- b) increase revenues and expenditures \$16,000 for a transfer in from the General Fund M&O.

MULTIPLE GRANT FUND

increase revenues and expenditures \$2,500 for a grant from the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to Juvenile Court.

2. Amend or deny the request.

POLICY ANALYSIS: State law grants the Board authority to amend the budget during the year as it deems necessary.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

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2. TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT AND ADOPT A MILLAGE LEVY RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1.

Chairman Liakakis said, Item 2, adopt the Fiscal Year 2012 budget resolution for the Special Service District and adopt a millage levy resolution pursuant to the Georgia statutes. Yes?

Commissioner Farrell said, I would like to offer a motion that we dissolve the Special Service District as a taxing district and have a 0.00 millage rate for the Special Service District.

Commissioner Stone said, I'll second that motion.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, discussion?

Commissioner Farrell said, I would –

Chairman Liakakis, discussion.

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah. I – I would like to refer to option 4 that I handed to the Commissioners, and I think there's some extra copies up front on the banister if anybody in the audience or – would like to look at it. This was something that – that staff came up with earlier in the year, and number 4 reads in part, "because of the structural imbalance within the Special Service District, maintaining the district becomes more of an effort each year. In December 2010 the Board was presented with a series of options for the SSD. The options included dissolving the fund and moving its activities to the General Fund. If the Board chooses to dissolve the SSD fund, a series of steps would be required over a two year period. These steps would include..." And it lists the different steps, which are clearly outlined for the Commissioners review. The – the reason I'm bringing this option up today is because we have a long history of discrepancies in how revenue is raised and spent in the Special Service District. I'd like to read you an excerpt which I handed a copy to the Commissioners but for the general information for the public, despite the municipalities and unincorporated areas Special Service District provide the same type of services, Georgia law does not treat them as equals. The Chatham County unincorporated area Special Service District meets the service qualifications of a municipality but because of state law, revenue source available to municipalities are not available to it. Not only does this unequal treatment prove a burden to Chatham County unincorporated area Special Service District, unfairness becomes a viable question since fees and taxes generated by the residents and tax payers in the

unincorporated area become reallocated as revenues for municipalities. Simply put, money raised in the unincorporated area is transferred to the benefit of the cities. Consider the following, number one, franchise fees. Georgia Power and Atlanta Gas Light resources collect \$3.2 million in 2009 from unincorporated area customers for franchise agreements with – with municipalities. Number two, local option sales tax. If state law treated the Chatham County unincorporated area Special Service District the same as a municipality, that is absent municipality, Chatham County unincorporated area Special Service District would be guaranteed at the time of this writing, 30.7% of the fifth penny, or \$17.66 million in 2010. That – that is currently up to 33% because of the current 2010 census data. So that's about a 3% increase, nearly. In other words, because of Georgia law, municipalities in Chatham County receive almost \$21 million in revenue that the unincorporated area Special Service District would be receiving otherwise. To date the County Commission has proved unsuccessful in attempts to seek changes in state law. Inaction stems in part from the lack of state-wide interest because of the few number of unincorporated area Special Service Districts in Georgia, and in part because of the strong opposition from municipalities to changes in the structure of taxation which would adversely affect their revenues. Considering that this issue has lingered without legislative initiative for more than – get this, twenty years, the likelihood that Chatham County can gain approval anytime soon from the Georgia General Assembly seems remote.

Commissioner Farrell said, this previous Commission in December of 1973 out of the nine Commissioners created the Special Service District. At that time, it was the fair, noble way to raise revenue for services that were particular to a certain group of residents. Shortly thereafter, the State of Georgia enabled local governments to charge a fifth penny for the purpose of reducing property taxes. By 1979, through some changes in the State legislature and a lawsuit, unincorporated areas were unequivocally excluded from participating in the use of those fundings. So between municipalities charging a franchise fee to residents that they don't even represent and having full and unfettered benefit of that 3.2 million in current dollars, and the loss of the LOST money, not being able to participate because it's not a county-wide expense due to state law, there's a – there's a fiscal shift of over \$20 million per year and it's been going on for well over 30 years in this County. This County Commission set up the Special Service District many years ago for the right reasons at the right time. The time has come with the circumstances that we're faced with that we dissolve the Special Service District as a taxing district and play by the rules that the State of Georgia sets up for counties. And over 96% of all the counties in this State have one county-wide tax to fund all county-wide and unincorporated expenses. These numbers have been calculated by staff, and I ask for Board consideration that we can take this action without going to the State legislature. This will have no adverse affect on any of our local governments or local cities. This will simply make a fair and reasonable balance between revenues raised and taxes charged to all the citizens in Chatham County. The same money, the same franchise fees and LOST monies will continue to shore up the budgets of the municipalities in this County, but this will treat the citizens with an even hand. Keep in mind that two-thirds of this County are represented by 59 elected officials. The unincorporated area is only represented by nine elected officials, and they're all sitting here today at this conference. So it's within our ability and within our realm to look at this and reconsider whether something that was enacted in 1973 when I was in elementary school is still relevant or do we look at the totality of the circumstance that we're in right now, dissolve the District, go by the – go with what the rest of the State's doing in their counties, have one M&O – one M&O tax. So that's what I'd like to present to – for Commission consideration.

Chairman Liakakis said, Harris [Odell]? And then Patrick [Shay] and then Helen [Stone] and then Dean [Kicklighter].

Commissioner Odell said, I – I personally want to thank Commissioner Farrell. I – I read his memorandum and, you know, Pat [Farrell], as always, you've done an excellent job. I share your frustrations. We are the second largest city in Chatham County. We've had a growth rate of approximately 22,000 people?

County Manager Abolt said, no, it's 22 – 22%, sir.

Commissioner Odell said, 22%.

Commissioner Farrell said, in the last ten years.

Commissioner Odell said, in the last ten years. But yet we do not share in the LOST negotiation. We do not share in the franchise fees. Collectively they represent about \$25 million? What is the fair and equitable thing to do? I – I'm also concerned that SSD and – and so that Russ [Abolt] understands, I – I was not on the Commission when we did the SSD.

Commissioner Farrell said, none of us were. This was not – this was not a creation of anyone sitting at this table for this Commission meeting. I'll make that crystal clear.

Commissioner Odell said, right. And looking at all of the counties in Chatham County – in the State of Georgia, and – and we have a lot in Georgia. There's what, 159, and there are only about six or seven who have Special Service District? Four percent?

Commissioner Stone said, six counties.

Commissioner Odell said, yeah. That in and of itself is alarming. There is something that we must do about SSD, but my concern are I – I agree that we should participate in LOST. We should get the – a percentage of franchise, but my concern is the unintended consequences of – of this act. I'm only about nine percent SSD as far as my district, which means that I got 91% of the people in M&O, and I don't want my constituents in M&O to have a greater tax obligation because of this, and quite frankly, I haven't had a chance to my personal satisfaction for me to be personally assured of the potential unintended consequences. I have a motion to make as to Patrick [Farrell's] motion, but – and the motion would be to table, but I'm not going to make that in respect to my fellow Commissioners who had their hands up. I think you did too. And Commissioner Stone and Shay, and I won't make that motion, but once we make the loop, I'll ask the Chairman to call on me because I just can't see at this moment, our voting on the SS – to abolish SSD. I – I – I think we get – we have some serious problems, we're treated unfairly, we're losing \$25 million. I agree with – I agree with every comment that Patrick [Farrell] has said up to that point. My only concern is the unintended

consequences and how it will affect M&O and until I'm personally satisfied about that, I'd like to see it tabled. But I'll yield to whoever's next.

Chairman Liakakis said, Patrick [Shay]?

Commissioner Shay said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. And Commissioner Farrell, I'd like to thank you for the work that you've done to research this and lay it out in a – in a way that is, I think, pretty – pretty clear. This is a real complicated and confusing issue to anybody that's not a County Commissioner, and it's also pretty confusing if you are a County Commissioner. Most of what we're talking about right now sounds to individuals that aren't in the game, so to speak, like inside baseball, but it is fair to say that there is unequal treatment of people that live outside of the municipalities than those that live inside of the municipalities. It would be very difficult for me – impossible for me frankly to vote at this moment for a – a millage rate increase on the M&O tax payers, three-quarters of which in my district live within the City of Savannah or Thunderbolt, without knowing how much that is and how all of the various aspects of this would – would play out. So, I'm in agreement with Commissioner Odell on this one. I don't know yet what the unintended consequences of it would be.

Commissioner Shay said, I think there is an alternative to this that also needs to be carefully considered, and I would ask my counterparts in the City of Savannah and Thunderbolt to think about this very carefully. If we dissolve the Special Service District, their share of the LOST distribution would be less. So it will have an impact on their budget. What I'd like to propose that we consider in addition to Commissioner Farrell's very carefully reasoned proposal is that at the next time, which I believe is by law gonna be not that long from now, but at the next time that there is a discussion of how the LOST proceeds would be distributed that one of the things that we strongly consider is funding all of the Metropolitan Police Department, as well as the Metropolitan Planning Commission and the CORE/MPO through the LOST proceeds, off the top. Those are services that are beneficial to every citizen of Chatham County, and I don't think there could be a whole lot of opposition to the idea that things that people uniformly benefit from could be paid for through the uniform tax of the Local Option Sales Tax. This would have a – a very marked affect on that budget that is for the unincorporated municipality in Chatham County, the Special Service District, because the thing that's been the most difficult for us to try and figure out over the time that I've been up here for my second go round on the Commission is how to fund the merger of the police department. This would be a way that that could be funded using sales tax and basically eliminate that from all of the budget in both the City of Savannah and the unincorporated area Special Service District. This too probably has unintended consequences and needs to be understood, but I – I would like to present that as – as one possible alternative. If we do not act today on Commissioner Farrell's motion, then I would like to ask that you, Mr. Chairman, and our other elected leaders begin to think very carefully about how we're going to end the inequality between the Special Service District residents and the municipal residents in one or the other or maybe a blend of these two initiatives. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, Helen [Stone]?

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess some of my comments dovetail on what Commissioner Shay just said, and obviously this District has been – the – the funds for the Special Service District have been grossly depleted by this police merger. We spend roughly around \$15 million now – \$14 million on this police merger, and it has about drained the Special Service District. I would agree with you that the LOST money maybe would be a way to fund that. SAGIS is a county-wide service and it comes out of Special Service District. We're – we're – we're bleeding the Special Service District. The citizens that live in the Special Service District are paying a millage, and they're still in addition to that paying, whether the fee is adequate or not, some fee for dry trash pick up. We pay our own fire protection. We pay our own garbage pick up. I mean, what are we getting for that millage, and it's very, very small. And the fact that we can't even recoup the money that we put in to the franchise fee, and we get nothing from the LOST, eventually this – this budget's just going to be drained. I mean it – it cannot sustain much longer, and it looks to me that the police merger – each year our portion of that has gone up and up and up and up. So I – I support Commissioner Farrell's concept of – of abolishing the Special Service District. I – I see no benefit for the residents, and actually, I'm I guess one of the Commissioners here that – that my District is pretty equal as far as residents in the incorporated and unincorporated areas. So I guess that what I'm hearing from a lot of my fellow Commissioners is that, well I don't have that many people in the Special Service District, and therefore I don't want to cause a millage increase for the M&O. I understand that, but sometimes at the end of the day we have to do what's in the best interest of the entire County, and if 153 counties out this State out of 159 do not have two budgets, why are we doing it? And I think it is time to address this. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, Dean [Kicklighter]?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. I guess I'll just start by stating that I have approximately 60,000 people in my District, about 30,000 more than every other District in the County, and I probably have 23,000 or more unincorporated area residents. The rest would be residents of five various cities, not one city, but five other cities. So that should let you know I really want to find a fair resolution here not jump into anything, you know, too quick. Little bit of history for people maybe at home or whatever to my opinion with history is the police – the Chatham County Police Department when it was created way back when, it was created in my opinion so that the County Commission could actually have control over the police department that policed the areas – the unincorporated areas of Chatham County. Other than that, virtually every County around, the Sheriff patrols the unincorporated areas. The Sheriff being an elected, constitutional officer can be held accountable by the citizens if he or she is not doing a good job. So they can be replaced. But the County Commission back whenever felt they needed – they needed to actually control it. A few years back, for whatever reason, two bodies in my opinion approved a very flawed agreement. The concept of a police merger in concept is a good thing. It would benefit everyone if done right, done properly, structured where you the residents in the unincorporated areas actually had an elected representative overseeing your police department because that's why it originally went that route anyway. If you're elected leaders who are the ones that raise taxes or decrease them for you, if they even had a say so as to how much your police costs are going to be in the future, it would be a different story. But not to overlook, and they hit on it before me, the elephant in the room, make no mistake about it, it is the police department. The police – the flawed, because I'm not anti-merger, I'm just for straightening out a messed up merger. It's the flawed structure of the police merger which is the bomb that blew this SSD budget apart.

I knew it when I was one of 18 people – the one that voted against it. I knew it then, and I'm proved right every single day since then. The way to correct things is not to go into something and utilize two wrongs, 'cause two wrongs won't make a right. I've said it before. Throwing everything away here is not going to accomplish what's needed or – and what's fair for the citizens. I live in a city, and I pay a separate tax to receive certain services. What this body needs to look at in the future, and it can't be lumped in over night because that's doing the same thing as the Commission and the City of Savannah did, that's jumping into something without having the details worked out. We need to work on breaking the police department out and putting that part of the cost in the general budget like it's done in every County in the State of Georgia and probably throughout the U.S.A. That should be the separate line item. Folks we have a \$25 million SSD budget and 14 million goes to the police department. That leaves you nothing for the rest of your services. Virtually nothing. So we wonder why grass is growing up. You can't drive up across the street – I mean you can't –

Commissioner Stone said, I'm gonna take care of that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, the – the money – yes, Helen's [Stone] gonna mow the street.

Commissioner Stone said, that's right.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, but, if we look at breaking that line item out, we can solve a lot of the problems. Prior to the merger which was six years – six, seven years ago, the entire police budget – the budget portion that we're looking at here was around – approximately \$4 million. Six, seven years later, we're at \$14 million. We have no control. Savannah sends us a bill, and we pay it. And we, being you, the unincorporated area residents. If we do like the rest of the country, rest of the State and switch it over, that part can be funded because let's face it, what's happened is the merger helped better the entire community because it helped – it improved the Savannah Police Department by giving additional monies, support, so it is a benefit for the entire County. So that should be shifted but not today because that would be hasty, and it would – it would be irresponsible. Just as in my opinion, although I respect and understand where this is coming from, because the unincorporated area residents are treated unfairly with the way it's structured and the lack of the negotiated LOST and everything else that we talked about – the franchise fees and all. But jumping into something like this today, would be pretty close to the disaster when people jumped into the police agreement, which they voted – everyone voted against two weeks prior to them approving it, and I just ask that you keep that in mind. Yes, we have to work on straightening this out, but hurting the majority of our citizens because a minority is hurting right now, and doing that in a one quick whim, that's just, in my opinion, the wrong thing to do. With a little time, effort, and dedication, I think we can sit down and straighten it out and have it where eventually people receive the services they pay for. Right now unincorporated area residents receive virtually nothing for their tax dollars. And – so I respect and appreciate it, but in my sitting here eleven years or so, I think I've watched one move that's similar to this, and I think it would be a pretty big disaster to – to do. But I do agree we need to work on it and straighten things out in the future.

Chairman Liakakis said, go ahead.

Commissioner Farrell said, one thing I'd like to say is –

Chairman Liakakis said, hold it, wait a minute. Let's go in order, please.

Commissioner Farrell said, okay.

Chairman Liakakis said, I want to call on the County Manager and ask him this question because there was concern from this Commission. You were analyzing the services that were provided to the County, correct?

County Manager Abolt said, yes, sir, we're talking about the police merger.

Chairman Liakakis said, and from what I understand now is the last two years we have reduced that amount of money that was sent to the City because you analyzed the services so that we could be fair both with the City and the County, is that right?

County Manager Abolt said, really – really what it is we sort of said what we could afford. You were very articulate. You as the head of the Police Policy Committee, but also this Board, that we could no longer afford that artificial escalator. So we've come to a point of what I would refer to as fiscal detente. We could not afford anymore, so when Chief Lovett came in with his proposal, and he is very, very much on top of his budget, I cut \$300,000 of it because we couldn't afford it. And they had to live with it, and what we do in a partnership, it's not the City of Savannah's police department, it's a Metropolitan Police Department. But as a partner, we will tell them and if you adopt – when – when you adopt this budget, if the Special Service District stays in tact, I will confirm what the Chief already knows, he has what amounts to \$300,000 less than he needs – wanted. The City of Savannah then will have to adapt its budget come December to reflect that. But it – it has become a partnership. This is not a perfect arrangement, but I think as Commissioner Kicklighter has said, and you all said, the benefits we received from a Metropolitan Police Department are remarkable.

Chairman Liakakis said, yes, but you already did the same thing this year too –

County Manager Abolt said, yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, – for reduction. So in addition to the 300,000 already a –

County Manager Abolt said, yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, – reduction too, correct?

County Manager Abolt said, yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, so that'll be the second reduction.

County Manager Abolt said, yes, sir. Yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. All right then –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so Mr. Chairman that's still \$1.5 million more that we're paying than the Sheriff said he would do the policing for.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Harris [Odell] –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so we still have a lot of work to do to be able to straighten out our flawed agreement. Being happy with it's going to get us nowhere. We're being wronged and – and praising something that flawed is not going to fix the problem. We have problems.

Chairman Liakakis said, Harris [Odell]?

Commissioner Odell said, I think that there's a general consensus is that we don't have enough money. Can we all agree on that? And Farrell's proposal is a excellent proposal but – but Dean's [Kicklighter] also brought up some excellent point, which to me says that I think that it would be catastrophic for us to vote on this today. The unintended consequences of a good act, it – I – I just think that – so I'm going to make a motion to table with the understanding that it does not impede – it does not – hold on – it does not impede Kicklighter's ability to present his proposal. 'Cause I understand you have a proposal? Okay. With that I'll make a motion to table the abolishment, destruction, elimination of the SSD as proposed by the Honorable Commissioner from the Fourth District, Mr. Farrell.

Chairman Liakakis said, do we have a second?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, second.

Commissioner Thomas said, say what?

Chairman Liakakis said, do we have a second?

Commissioner Thomas said, what was the question? What was the motion?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that we're going to table that recommendation.

Commissioner Odell said, I just added more words.

Commissioner Thomas said, oh, okay. I just wanted to clear that up. I thought I heard something else.

Chairman Liakakis said, so the tabling it takes precedent?

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, yes, sir.

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

Commissioner Kicklighter said, for the record I –

Chairman Liakakis said, motion passes.

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Commissioner Kicklighter said, for the record I didn't table it, I wanted to vote it down. Okay, Mr. Chairman, may I present something please?

Chairman Liakakis said, wait a minute now . We doing the –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, the SSD right now still.

Chairman Liakakis said, SSD. So you speaking about SSD?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, please.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Go ahead.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Thank you for the opportunity to present my budget recommendation for the SSD budget. The fact of the matter is is the options that was actually presented to us in my opinion were not satisfactory in – in any of the options. The one option that did not raise taxes was just so harsh on our County employees. It recommended laying off 63 employees. The other proposal –

Chairman Liakakis said, Dean [Kicklighter] –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, can I –

Chairman Liakakis said, that's in the SSD.

Commissioner Stone said, that's what we're talking about.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's what we're doing is the SSD.

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah, yeah, right. Yeah.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah, in the SSD there's more recommendations than the other budget but I'll present my budget when we get to that. It recommended laying off 63 employees. I have presented you with a budget that restores 48 of the 63 positions. It does not increase taxes and it's relatively, in the big scheme of things, harmless when compared to all the other budget options in front of you. One of the things that I have in this proposal is one furlough day. It reduces, it shifts some. Reduces some expenses that the unincorporated area residents are paying out of their budget that should be a county-wide expense. This is some things we can fix also rather than abolishing the SSD. It reduces the SAGIS funding by \$100,000. It transfers – right now we have Crime Stoppers being funded by the SSD budget, the unincorporated area residents, but Crime Stoppers a county-wide benefit. It transfers that 89,674 over to the M&O budget. It does have one furlough day, and it reduces a few departments by a little bit more than option – alternative 1 in Russ' [Abolt] proposal.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, now in the staff response to this, there is a disagreement and still remains a disagreement over one part of this. In staff's original alternative 1 proposal, staff had \$634,260 wrote down in expenses as far as unemployment claims goes, and that's for 63 employees. Now keep in mind, my proposal restores 48 of the 63 recommended layoffs, but staff came back with the same exact number in – as their original recommended expenses for unemployment claims of the 634,260. Now although my proposal restores 3/4ths of the employees, to me it's not logical to think that the claims would still be the same. If you divided that up into, you know, and – and equals there, that should come up to at best I – and I realize I definitely under allotted the amount of expenses there, but at best this budget I presented would be balanced in my opinion even if the numbers you see is \$100,000 off – 100 – well I had like 27,000 or so in there, even if it's 150,000 off. Now I want you to know that having said that, the cover letter you received from the Manager states “we can make the M&O proposal work” – talking about my proposal from M&O, but not the SSD. Now although our Manager states that, when you flip that cover letter and go to the Finance Department's report on the proposal, staff report from Ms. Linda Cramer, our Finance Director, it says if – if this proposal is adopted the Board may wish to consider a mid-year budget –mid-year budget adjustments that maintain the Funds' two-month reserve level. It's a big difference of we can't make it work and you may – you may need a mid-year adjustment. Let me – let me just finish my thought. Again, this proposal has no tax increase, restores 48 of 63 recommended lay offs and with respect, I still disagree on the figures as much as the same expenses in un – unemployment claims when you're keeping 3/4ths of the people.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, another thing, it's very hard to be thorough in my opinion as a Commissioner with a budget when you have a \$25 million budget and virtually two pages of expenses in the budget that you give us. I can't cut line items if I have no line items to cut. So I would request in the future that we have a much better detailed expense report of – of line item budget items where we can look at the nuts and bolts of what's making things operate. But I won't beat the dead horse. People know what – everyone here knows what they're going to do. You have an alternative here that my – it will work. We may need a mid-year budget adjustment according to our finance director, but it will work, and we're not laying off a ton of people, and we're not raising taxes for all of our property owners in Chatham County. It's – it's – it's in my opinion a proposal that I would love to see y'all support, and I will make a motion to approve.

Commissioner Gellatly said, I'll second.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, Russ [Abolt]?

County Manager Abolt said, very important. I want to respond and try not to be argumentative. First of all your nuts and bolts are here. It's been there since the 13th day of March. In fact before that we gave copies to the Board, a couple days before you received it. The – the issue is being accurate and a desire to work with any Commissioner that comes up with a proposal. When my cover Memorandum went out yesterday it was mid-afternoon. We were trying to make something work. At the time we initially got the information, we knew there was a discrepancy. Had telephonic communication with both Ms. Cramer and – and Commissioner Kicklighter, and we were trying to do something that in effect would result in some agreement at least as to what the dollars are. That's what Ms. Cramer is trying to do. It – it is always problematic when we have a complex document to obviously simplify it in a couple of pages which we have to do, but more importantly to respond on point and be terribly accurate with you at this juncture. I have a passion for accuracy. I did not want at this juncture when motions are made that will determine the future of this organization for the twelve – next twelve months to – to do it in a precipitous way. Not that Commissioner Kicklighter's proposal is precipitous, but I've got a fiduciary responsibility to y'all to be responsive. And we'll be responsive up to the last moment. The condition is complicated when in effect the last moment is here, and we're trying to sort out things. And in sorting them out, Commissioner Kicklighter asked Ms. Cramer to go back and yes there can be some things done. But a lot of what is done at this level now you have to realize is a financial analysis, which is very important. But a financial analysis is not a program analysis, and we pride ourselves in not only just being able to make the books balance, but you want the level of service to balance. And so when suggestions come back and forth at this hour, we do not have – Ms. Cramer and myself, the opportunity to go back to the affected department to say, okay, what would be the service level impact for this to happen. We're just looking at the financial impact. We will do what you tell us, but it is, I think less – it is not fair to you for us to evaluate at this juncture just where the numbers are in the columns. And I want to make sure that you're very well aware of the fact that yes, based on the revisions from – from Commissioner Kicklighter and discussions from Ms. – Ms. Cramer, we – we can make it work. But I cannot tell you from a program standpoint what – what the cuts will be. Certainly – certainly as we matured our different options up until this day, we were very sensitive to and very, very mindful of the need to tell you, okay, if cuts are made here, this

is the impact. It's not to provide scare tactics, it's just to bring the entire team along. That's why we've been so successful.

Chairman Liakakis said, but if –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, can I answer his question? Or may I please offer him –

Chairman Liakakis said, go ahead.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Manager, I – I do believe you know how much I respect you. If not, I definitely do.

County Manager Abolt said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I think you're the best. I just simply needed to point out that your opinion on – on this – on your cover page differed from your finance director's written opinion, and my opinion.

County Manager Abolt said, it did. It did.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and that's it in a nut shell. So that's –

County Manager Abolt said, and please, I – I'm not trying to make an excuse. It's a fact. You know, we – we were trying to get this out, and the last thing I want to do is come in at 9:00 o'clock this morning with something. So at the time that we – the memo was put on it, we couldn't make it work. But Linda in effect was working with Commissioner Kicklighter. This was much later on in the day. And then along came the sheet, and she made it work. Financially she made it work. I could not tell you looking at this what departments affected by this might be based on the new numbers. That's all I'm telling you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and – and I can't tell you that either, but I can tell you that proposal does not lay off 63 people.

Chairman Liakakis said, one of the things too, in that proposal is of course terminating employees as you were mentioning, plus the furlough day for all the employees, including –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, one day – one day for –

Chairman Liakakis said, – all department heads and the County Manager, his staff, and all County Commissioners also that's a part that you –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right. One day furlough.

Chairman Liakakis said, right. To do that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I believe – I believe I could sacrifice a day to save 50, 60, 70, jobs for – for my fellow employees. So. I can take that sacrifice but I need the money too.

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah, but the thing about it is that's not 50 or 60 when one Commissioner for one day is not going to even survive even one employee. But be that as a may, we have all of these suggestions and all, and we've got this thing about the Special Service District, so what you had made is a motion.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'll just call for the question.

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

Commissioner Odell said, let's – let's restate succinctly what the motion is.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, my motion is to approve my recommended – recommended budget for the SSD.

Commissioner Odell said, gotcha.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'm glad I'm a self-confident person. Y'all are making it hard on me though. Y'all are making it tough.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. That passes. Go ahead Harris [Odell].

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Commissioner Odell said, I've got a motion to make. Dean [Kicklighter], I've been telling you you should be a lawyer. We get rejected 50% of the time, but you have to continue to come back.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, hey that's it.

Commissioner Odell said, I get – before I make the motion as to SSD, it – Russ [Abolt], if we increase to the roll back of 3.59, and – and I don't want to put you or Linda on the spot, it – will that get us through the coming fiscal year?

County Manager Abolt said, if the action word is through. Yes, sir, it will. It – it provides hope. It's – it's not the fix that I had hoped for but it – it is hope, and I appreciate that action if you take it.

Commissioner Odell said, okay, the fix would be the 4.125?

County Manager Abolt said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Odell said, and Linda [Cramer], when we said fix, we're gonna – we're gonna have to take some action as to SSD whether it's the – Pat, Pat – and both Pat's had good ideas – Shay and Farrell. One want to spread it over LOST and the other wants to abolish it. At any rate we will solve it financially, hopefully this coming fiscal year. If we did the 4.125, the difference between the two Russ [Abolt] financially would mean what?

County Manager Abolt said, you have financial stability. You've corrected the instability that Linda – Ms. Cramer continually reminds us of because we – we continue to rely on some aspect of – un – non-recurring revenue. But you are taking a step to in effect say the community can afford this, and more importantly at this time, we can't afford to see that major service reduction. But I cannot, when I look at Dr. Thomas particularly, I – I will be back next year with – with the same – the same song. You've obviously addressed the problem for this year, but I cannot say it's fixed this year, but you're taking a positive step towards fixing it.

Commissioner Odell said, at the 4.12 it's – you will be back next year?

County Manager Abolt said, I sleep well at night – I sleep – no one cares about how well I sleep at night, but I will sleep very well at 4.125.

Commissioner Odell said, Russ [Abolt], I care how you sleep.

County Manager Abolt said, thank you. It's all those darn limbs falling out around my house.

Commissioner Odell said, it – it is. For the record, on – at the 4.125 level on a \$100,000 house, that represents?

County Manager Abolt said, \$1.52 per month increase.

Commissioner Odell said, and on a \$200,000 house that represents?

County Manager Abolt said, \$3.68 per month.

Commissioner Odell said, and we as a deliberative body looking at the consequences of our not doing this, or having a debate over this, I will make a motion that we approve the four – and – and I'll say this, when – when Commissioner Stone said we have to look at the best for the entire community, SSD is 9% of my District. So SSD is not a major mover for the Fifth District. The Fifth District is composed primarily of the City of Savannah. Having said that, looking at the financial consequences, and we are a \$622 million organization, but I think everyone will admit, we spend more time fighting over a \$25 million budget out of the \$622 million and the amount of money that we are bickering or fighting over is the difference between an increase in the – on a \$100,000 house \$1.52 at 4.125. So I'll make the motion and – and hope for a second for the SSD, and I realize that a lot of people cannot go along with that, and the reason you cannot go along with it is that there's this mistaken belief that we can have growth but never an increase in the digest. And I understand that certain Districts who want that, but my District isn't one of those. So I make the motion.

Acting Clerk said, for what?

County Attorney Hart said, to adopt alternative 3?

Commissioner Odell said, Alternative 3.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, any discussion?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, Helen [Stone] and then Dean [Kicklighter].

Commissioner Stone said, I just think this is very hard on the people in the unincorporated area, and I – I think of some of the residents in the unincorporated area that pay significant taxes in homes that are – are much more than \$100,000 and so this – this is a tax increase, and it goes back to our budget workshop where one of the first things that this Commission asked was no tax increase. And – and – and so we pick, out of the alternatives the most expensive tax increase and I – I can't support that.

Chairman Liakakis said, Dean [Kicklighter]?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, I say this with nothing but respect for my co-worker, Commissioner Odell, up here –

Commissioner Odell said, and friend.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, – who – and friend, absolutely, who I found to be a very sincere stand up kind of guy that I have presented earlier a way that I believe we can do this budget without a tax increase and had no support. Although I disagree with whoever votes to raise taxes today, I can respect you because you've been spending the money, but you're willing to back up and face your constituents or face whatever. Have respect. There's no other option out there other than the tax increase, and I guess it's crying to say anything else. I wish you would have supported the other, but, you know why I'm voting no, because I – I do believe I presented a way to do it without a tax

increase. But no ill feelings because you're doing what you – at least you back up – back it up with what you – you believe is needed. So.

Chairman Liakakis said, if that fails, then we've got the other option of only .115 mills, which on that same Special Service District, is only 27 cent for \$100,000 house; 65 cent on a \$200,000 house; and a 1.42 for a \$400,000 house. So we'll go ahead then if there's no other discussion –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, there's no other alternative out there to keep the taxes down.

Commissioner Odell said, may – may – may I? Parliamentary procedure?

County Attorney Hart said, sure.

Commissioner Odell said, Jon [Hart], if I with the approval of the second, were to amend based on my sincere concern for my fellow Commissioners' desires, Stone and Kicklighter, if I wanted to change that 4.125 to the 3.59, with the agreement or consent of the –

County Attorney Hart said, you can withdrawal your motion and make – if it's accepted by the second –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I didn't second.

Commissioner Odell said, I'll – I'll –

Commissioner Thomas said, I seconded it.

Commissioner Odell said, I'll –

County Attorney Hart said, it'd be easier to withdrawal from a procedure standpoint.

Commissioner Odell said, I'll withdraw the motion –

Commissioner Thomas said, and I'll withdrawal.

Commissioner Odell said, good. And I'll make an alternate motion that we approve – it'd be option 2, Jon? 3.5?

County Manager Abolt said, no, no, no sir. This – this – in what's been labeled as the Chairman's proposal, and it was on this information we gave you today. I'll read it out, the Chairman's proposal, adoption of 2012 Special Service District Fund Resolution of \$26,878,680 and the adoption of a 2011 millage levy of Resolution for a millage rate of 3.59 mills (net of insurance premium tax rollback of .795). The related millage levy and budget resolutions are shown herein. If you adopt that, I apologize for being so darn bureaucratic, but that accomplishes, I think, which I know what the Chairman wishes, and I think that's also Commissioner Odell's motion.

Commissioner Odell said, I'll – I'll make that motion almost verbatim except with the Oklahoma accent of Russ Abolt.

County Manager Abolt said, thank you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and I'd just like to say I like –

Chairman Liakakis said, for 27 – for the 27 cent a month for \$100,000 house; the 65 cent for the \$200,000 house; and the \$1.42 for the \$400,000 house, but as the County Manager stated, that they can work with that, and then they'll come up with something else, you know, to – for this particular budget. So we have that motion. Do we have a second?

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a second. Okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I just want to state that although I now like you even better 'cause you reduced your recommended increase, I still can't support it because I do just for the record, I believe it can be done without the increase.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Commissioner Odell said, Dean [Kicklighter] I just don't think you know how much that means.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I – I know you'll sleep better tonight.

Chairman Liakakis said, Patrick [Farrell]?

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah, I'd – I'd also like to suggest that we consider keeping the millage the same this year. We've got an option on the table to correct this taxing inequity, and we have a proposal from Commissioner Shay that could perhaps address this issue to a great deal of satisfaction possibly. So as we go forward, you know, I – I would like to see it just stay the same as we pursue these other potential options to – to put –

Commissioner Stone said, I agree.

Commissioner Farrell said, – to put real fair and equality in the taxation package for all our citizens.

Chairman Liakakis said, now, I'm gonna call on the vote for just a minute. But the County Manager, the finance people, all of them working that they need desperately this help in the Special Service District and this small amount of money that was just mentioned, about 27 cent; 65 cent; and 1.42 will help the finance department and will also help in the area of being able to take care of the things now in the Special Service District. Okay. Let's go on the Board. Motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Farrell moved to dissolve the Special Service District as a taxing district and have a 0.00 millage rate for the Special Service District. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion.
- b. Commissioner Odell moved to table the Motion of Commissioner Farrell to dissolve the Special Service District as a taxing district and have a 0.00 millage rate for the Special Service District. Commissioner Kicklighter seconded the motion and it carried with a 6-3 vote, with Chairman Liakakis, Commissioners Holmes, Shay, Odell, Gellatly, and Thomas voting yes; and Commissioners Stone, Farrell, and Kicklighter voting no.
- c. Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve his budget proposal for the SSD budget. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion and it failed to carry with a vote of 8-1. Chairman Liakakis, Commissioners Stone, Holmes, Shay, Farrell, Odell, Gellatly, and Thomas voted no, and Commissioner Kicklighter voted yes.
- d. Commissioner Odell moved to approve adoption of 2012 Special Service District Fund Resolution of \$26,878,680 and the adoption of a 2011 millage levy of Resolution for a millage rate of 3.59 mils (net of insurance premium tax rollback of .795). Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 5-4. Chairman Liakakis, Commissioners Holmes, Shay, Odell, and Thomas voted yes; and Commissioners Stone, Farrell, Gellatly and Kicklighter voted no.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2
AGENDA DATE: June 24, 2011

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

ISSUE:

To adopt the Fiscal Year 2012 budget resolution for the Special Service District and adopt a millage levy resolution pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1.

In addition, authorize the chairman to sign Form PT-35 County Millage Rate Certification and Form PT 32.1 Computation of Millage Rate rollback and Percentage Increase in Property Taxes for Tax Year 2011. The Forms are required to be certified and submitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue for digest approval for tax year 2011.

BACKGROUND:

Chatham County is required by law to adopt balanced annual budgets for its General Fund, Special Service Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project length budgets can be adopted for Capital Improvement Funds. A tax levy resolution must be submitted to the State of Georgia Department of Revenue. The Tax Assessor has scheduled delivery of the resolution during the week of July 25, 2011.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. A budget public hearing was held during the Chatham County Commission meeting held on May 27, 2011. Copies of the proposed budget were made available in the Finance Department as well as at all Chatham County branches of the Live Oak Public Library.
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3. If the proposed budget and millage rate are not adopted on June 24, 2011, the Board must revise the budget calendar and re-advertise at least fourteen days prior to millage adoption in accordance with state law. Adoption of continuing resolutions would be required in order to have a budget in place after the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2011. The continuing resolution would be based on the Fiscal Year 2011 amended budget.
4. Three budget and millage rate alternatives are presented to the Board for consideration. To summarize, the budget and millage rate alternatives for the Special Service District are:

Alternative 1 – Annual Budget of \$25,402,350 and Millage Rate of 3.475

Alternative 1 is based on the Fiscal 2012 Recommended Budget Workbook, adjusted for a 1.99% digest decline. This alternative includes department cuts of \$837,299, layoffs of approximately 63 employees to generate cost reductions of \$1,477,000 and Fund Balance appropriations of \$186,000.

Alternative 2 – Annual Budget of \$25,878,660 and Millage Rate of 3.475

Alternative 2 mirrors Alternative 1 except that there are no staff layoffs. Instead Fund Balance appropriations of \$1,622,194 are used to fund operating costs and absorb salaries and benefits to the proposed layoffs.

Alternative 3 – Annual Budget of \$28,017,436 and Adoption of a Millage Rate of 4.125

Alternative 3 includes the elimination of layoffs and fund balance appropriations. Also, since Alternative 3 includes adoption of a millage levy of 4.125, tax revenue is restored to the Special Service District Fund. Department expenditure cuts of \$837,200 stay in place. Capital funding is provided.

5. The Public Works and Parks Director has provided information on the service impacts of staff reductions that would be necessary under Alternative 1. The Public Works and Parks Director has estimated the number of layoffs required to meet the required reduction to be 71 versus the 64 noted above. This information is in Attachment I.
6. The current year tax digest and five year levy history advertisement was published on June 9, 2011 in the Savannah Morning News as required by State law. The published net Special Service District Fund millage rate of 4.125 exceeds the rollback rate of 3.59 calculated by the Tax Assessor's office on Form PT 32.1. The rollback rate recaptures values lost from the 1.99% decline in the tax digest. The current Special Service District Fund millage rate is 3.475.
7. The current year tax digest and five year levy history advertisement also includes a computation for a rollback millage rate associated with the collection of insurance premium tax as required by O.C.G.A. 33-8-8.3. Note that this rollback rate is different from the millage rollback rate calculated by the Tax Assessor's Office. It is computed to be .795 mils and is included in the millage levy resolution as required by State law.
8. Alternative 3 includes longevity pay increases for County staff of \$100 per service level. Longevity pay begins at 5 years of service and is stepped up for each five year increment worked, up to 20 years of service.
9. Budget and millage levy resolutions for the General Fund M&O and other funds are attached to separate staff reports.

FUNDING.

Funding sources are identified in the budget resolution. Detail is on file in the Chatham County Finance Department

POLICY ANALYSIS: Adoption of the annual budget and tax millage rates are governed by State Code.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Adoption of the Fiscal 2012 Special Service District Fund budget resolution of \$25,402,350 and adoption of the year 2011 millage levy resolutions for a millage rate of 3.475 mils (net of insurance premium tax rollback of .795 mils). The related millage levy and budget resolutions are shown as Attachment II.
2. Adoption of the Fiscal 2012 Special Service District Fund budget resolution of \$26,878,660 and adoption of the year 2011 millage levy resolutions for a millage rate of 3.475 mils (net of insurance premium tax rollback of .795 mils). The related millage levy and budget resolutions are shown as Attachment III.
3. Adoption of the Fiscal 2012 Special Service District Fund budget resolution of \$28,017,436 and adoption of the year 2011 millage levy resolutions for a millage rate of 4.125 mils (net of insurance premium tax rollback of .795 mils). The related millage levy and budget resolutions are shown as Attachment IV.
4. That the Board provide other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State law requires that annual budgets be adopted by the Board of Commissioners for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project-length budgets should be adopted for Capital Projects Funds. State law also requires that the Board adopt a tax levy resolution annually for submission of the digest to the State of Georgia, Department of Revenue. (O.C.G.A. 48-5-302). Georgia law further specifies methods of publication of the County ad valorem tax rate (O.C.G.A. 48-5-32 and 48-5-32.1).

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve Alternative 3.

Prepared by: Read Dehaven

ADDENDUM TO ABOVE STAFF REPORT:**Alternative 4**

Because of the structural imbalance within the Special Service District, maintaining the district becomes more of an effort each year. In December 2010 the Board was presented with a series of options for the SSD. The options included dissolving the fund and moving its activities into the

General Fund. If the Board chooses to dissolve the SSD Fund, a series of steps would be required of a two year period. These steps include:

- a. June 2011 – Approval given to dissolve the SSD Fund as of December 31, 2011, with notification given to the Tax Commissioner that no property tax billing for the Fund would incur in calendar 2012.
- b. July 2011 – Increase the millage rate for the General Fund to generate the tax revenue needed for SSD. Fund activities from January to June 2012. Leave the SSD millage rate flat to cover SSD activities from July to December 2011. Amend the SSD Fund Adopted Budget to recognize six months of operations (July to December 2011). Depending on the value of one mil under the 2011 digest, the General Fund millage rate increase would be between .8 and 1 mil.
- c. June 2012 – There would be no budget adopted for the SSD Fund. The Adopted General Fund budget would reflect a full twelve months of activities for the former SSD departments.
- d. July 2012 – Raise the millage rate for the General Fund to generate tax revenues needed for a full year of operations for former SSD departments. Depending on the value of one mil under the 2012 digest, the General Fund millage rate increase would be an additional .8 to 1.1 mil.



INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: June 23, 2011
TO: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Linda B. Cramer, Finance Director
SUBJECT: Chairman's Budget Alternative – SSD

The Chairman has proposed a FY 2012 budget for the SSD Fund at the 3.59 mils rollback rate with no layoffs. This proposal would generate a total SSD Fund budget of \$26,878,660. The revenue side of the proposal would include a fund balance appropriation of \$1,170,848.

Since this budget alternative is not included in the SSD budget agenda item, the Board would be providing other direction to staff (alternative 4 as shown in the staff report). The potential motion to adopt the Chairman's Budget Alternative would be:

4. Adopt the Fiscal 2012 Special Service District Fund budget resolution of \$26,878,660 and adopt the year 2011 millage levy resolution for a millage rate of 3.59 mils (net of insurance premium tax rollback of .795 mils). The related millage levy and budget resolutions are shown as Chairman's Budget Attachments I and II.

The additional revenue generated by the rollback rate is \$491,000. Under the proposal, revenues still fall short of expenditures so fund balance is appropriated to make up the deficit. It is projected that this budget will drop reserve levels below the two month level stated in the County's financial policies. However, actual fund balance usage for fiscal 2011 may be less than the \$1.6 million assumed in the project, and the actual amount will not be known until the audit is complete. If this proposal is adopted, the Board may wish to consider mid-year budget adjustments that maintain the fund's two month reserve level.

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3. TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR THE GENERAL FUND M&O AND ADOPT A MILLAGE LEVY RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, next on the item, to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Resolution for the General Fund M&O and Adopt a Millage Levy Resolution pursuant to the state statutes.

County Manager Abolt said, if I may introduce the subject?

Chairman Liakakis said, yes.

County Manager Abolt said, yes, sir. This is my recommendation to you contained in Alternate number 3, which essentially means that the rollback rate option, which you can avail yourself to is my recommendation. It will not make the program cuts but there will be 3.7 – 3.7% cuts across the Board for all Department Heads and there will be no layoffs.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Patrick [Shay]?

Commissioner Shay said, I'm gonna make a motion but I – I will defer to the gentleman from the Seventh District. I believe he would like to make a proposal before I – I make my motion.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you very much.

Chairman Liakakis said, Dean [Kicklighter]?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a proposal in front of you for the M&O budget that you also have a staff report that says they can make it work. The original proposal and then we can get in to what potential jobs they said. But original proposal – the Manager's proposal, which is option 1 that I'm working off of here, lays off 29 employees. My proposal restored 29 employees. The Manager's proposal was to close the Weightlifting Center, a savings of \$200,000. My proposal actually partially restored the funding at a level at \$100,000, which would be enough to maintain the programs that we have over there for our handicapped children and for the citizens to – that's been injured that – for them to be able to continue receiving the rehab-type services there. It also should be enough to leave the doors open and allow should private trainers want to train Olympic lifters. So it would not close down, but you would still have a savings of 100,000 instead of 200,000 and the citizens that need us most would not be affected. No additional funding in the Manager's proposal for Union Mission. My proposal has partial Union Mission funding at a cost of \$112,500. We all know how much Union Mission does for the community. How much money they save for the County. Keeping people out of the hospitals, and from the dentist, and psychiatric wards and everything. So, again, this is an investment that really makes a lot of sense. Half with hopes that they could go to the City of Savannah and receive the other half to continue – to be able to continue to maintain the level of service that they have and given our community here. The – this budget proposal has no funding from the Manager for Crime Stoppers in the M&O portion. Now my proposal shifted from the SSD budget over to the M&O budget 89,674 that we would have to cover, and I skipped the main one somehow there. Maybe I should put my glasses back on.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, the Manager's proposal cuts \$400,000 from CNT. Our drug fighting – our program that fights drugs in our community. \$400,000 gone. My proposal restores the \$400,000. CNT funding how – how can we fund it? CNT funding can come by shifting costs, right now expenses 400,000 from Victim's Witness to fund CNT. You can take the weightlifting, you can fund it at – and let me – let me speak this on CNT, for fighting the drugs and Victim's Witness. Victim's Witness budget is, and I don't have that total right in front of me, but six hundred and something thousand dollars, and I know there's caring and concerned people, but our Victim's Witness program is a great example of big government getting bigger and not doing necessarily what they should do. My family, as well as Commissioner Odell's family are victims, having lost my brother to murder, and I awoke and my parents awoke to read in the newspaper that the man that killed my brother is trying to seek a new trial. That is a Victim's Witness job. When you have a six hundred and something thousand budget and ten employees in that one area, that would be something that would be kind for them to notify a victim that something of that magnitude's coming up. I have not, other than originally through the beginning heard a peep out of anyone from there. With all of the appeals, the denials, the – all the mess that goes on, and I – I have checked with at least one other person that hadn't heard too much from them either. And if they're not helping victims of – families of murder victims, God only knows who and what they're actually helping. Because I – I – I can't imagine anyone needing more help. They would still be able to operate but they could operate on a much smaller scale. And when you think of shifting that money over to fight drugs in our community, maybe there would be less victims in the future if there is less drugs out on the street.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, weightlifting \$100,000 can be shifted from the close to a million dollar Aquatic Center budget; 100,000 from there over to the weightlifting, that would help everyone as described before. Union Mission and Crime Stoppers both can be covered by shifting moneys from Victim's Witness. No lay offs in the original proposal – my proposal, but I'll – I'll go to the numbers in a minute. When you total up to cover the no layoffs that I have here, 28,000 from Victim Witness, 49,000 cut of the Georgia Forestry which we're paying. It cuts – my proposal cuts \$71,457 from Bamboo Farms, and as I run through some of these I want – I want y'all to keep in mind we're cutting – we're cutting 400,000 from CNT, our drug fighting force, and we're funding – although Bamboo Farms is a awesome, nice program, that's a program we inherited because the State of Georgia wouldn't pay the bill. Cut that out of it. Cuts 93,000 from the Construction Apprentice Program. Again a wonderful group, represented out here today, but that is a group that are – that's training people to get jobs. But the Manager's proposal cuts jobs. Let's keep some jobs we have for people that have been trained and sitting in their job rather than spending that money to train people to get a job. Logic. I had \$100,000 in new revenues from opening the garage up. Staff is studying that and can't confirm it so they're not in their original report counting on it, which probably is a good move. I mean it – it could be I think well above 100,000 in revenues if we do it right, but. One day furlough for employees, that's the M&O budget, and this still totals one day for all of us., that's a savings of \$240,000. And \$679,000 from Mosquito Control. Mosquito Control does a great job, but they are operating on a – a – without looking, a \$3.5 million budget, and, you know, when we're – when we're talking about our entire police department ran on a \$4 million just six years ago, that's a lot of money for fighting mosquitos when we're not going to fight drugs anymore. So I pick fighting the drugs over the mosquitos and take a little bit of their money, but leave sufficient funding, still 2.6 million, 2.7 million, somewhere in that range without looking and doing math, Linda, right there, but leaves the money there to do a very good job, but it just starts prioritizing things a little differently.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, now staff reviewed my proposal. They attached a number of lay offs that would be associated with, I guess, my cuts or money shifting from the Victim's Witness over to CNT and everything else, they estimated 11, 12 – 12 layoffs, but when you take that number and compare 12 layoffs versus 29 layoffs, it's much better. There's nothing easy about what we're doing up here today. We're either gonna affect 12 people here, which is better than 29, or we're going to affect every tax paying citizen in our County and bump it up again for them. I encourage you – not perfect, not easy, not great because you're affecting people's lives, but this is the easiest blow to our budget – our employees that we value without putting more of a tax burden on our citizens. And I'll make a motion to approve my M&O budget proposal.

Commissioner Gellatly said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, discussion?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and other than this? It's gonna get a lot worse.

Commissioner Odell said, I'll call for the question.

Commissioner Thomas said, which proposal are we voting on now?

Commissioner Odell said, Dean's [Kicklighter] proposal.

Commissioner Thomas said, Dean [Kicklighter]?

Commissioner Odell said, right.

Commissioner Thomas said, what about the other one?

Chairman Liakakis said, no, we're coming to that.

Commissioner Odell said, we're gonna get to that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I want to know from my fellow Republicans, what budget proposal here are y'all gonna vote for? Are we – are we waiting on the Democrat majority to pass the tax increase? I mean, give me a break.

Commissioner Shay said, we're doing real well.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, wow.

Chairman Liakakis said, one of the things –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, what – give us an option to cut.

Chairman Liakakis said, – with this Commission is we look at the proposals that we have and what these –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I haven't heard any proposals.

Chairman Liakakis said, – individual Commissioners feel what is the right thing. Has nothing to do with the Republicans or Democrats, it's what's the right thing that they feel individually, and we shouldn't put it in that vain to begin with. Okay, Patrick [Shay].

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the – the homework again from one of our County Commissioners. I don't know whether this makes good television or not, but this is how our system works. We put motions on the floor, and we vote. The motions have to reflect how our feelings are and our preferences are for the various budget ideas. It's a requirement. I think it's a very good requirement that we do this in public, and I think you're – you're seeing today the benefit of having a very strong County Commission with a lot of people up here that have strong opinions about what the right thing to do is. I'm going to make a motion now that we adopt the alternative 3 that is in the recommendations from staff, and that would be essentially to adopt the rollback rate, which would be a modest increase in the General Fund M&O and that inherent in that in the Attachment 3, Section C that was put into our Staff packet that that would restore the funding to the Counter Narcotics Team; it would restore the funding almost entirely for the Indigent Healthcare; it would restore the funding for the DFCS almost entirely; it would restore the funding for the Weightlifting Center; it would restore the funding for the Construction Apprentice Program; it would restore the funding for the Bamboo Farm; and it would restore the funding for the Child Support fund. That's not to say that this budget represents a spending spree, because inherent in this is still that there's a 3.7% reduction in all the departments on average, and there is no pay increase again this year for our County staff. And I think this is the – the best budget proposal that's on the table. I would like to also add in my motion an addition of \$25,000 in available funding to the AWOL program, All Walks of Life, provided they come forward with their contractual work program, similar to what they have in the past, which would reduce the General Fund Contingency by the corresponding \$25,000. And also that we would make it known to the Union Mission that we would be willing to strongly consider 50% funding for the Bond that they have proposed, which would relieve them of the burden of – of the debt that they've incurred in the past largely for attempting to wade into the mental health problems in Chatham County. That would be approximately \$125,000. I'm not in my motion appropriating that money, I'm saying that we're holding out that – that hope to you at the Union Mission, and that if you will find somebody, some institution, some other government that will match that that we will at that point begin the mechanism for looking at the – at the bond financing. So that is my motion, for alternative 3 with those 2 additional caveats.

Commissioner Odell said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, any discussion? Okay let's – Dean [Kicklighter]?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, for anybody that's going to vote against this, I'd love to hear what alternative you're going to propose. I think it would be great to know an alternative not to raise taxes. I believe in politics we not only need to oppose things, we need to present solutions. It's easy to sit back and oppose. Anybody voting no, please tell a reason that you're going to vote against raising taxes, but you will not present a plan to cut. That's the best of both worlds, that's a little gutless, and that's what disappoints me. 'Cause if you vote no without an offer today, you basically, took no stand. I have respect for every vote today that votes to raise it, because you'll – you'll spend the

money, but by God, you'll back it up and face the people and raise their taxes. But someone who votes against raising the taxes and spends the money, that's having cake and eating it too, and it's very, very disappointing. And I'm – I'm sorry I'm not elected to – any of you to love me, and it's becoming clearer every day who I work for, and every now and then you need a little jolt of that, and that's the way it goes from here on. And I'll – I'll take a stand. I would love to see others take a little bit of one. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, well, I'm gonna say this. We've got a good Commission. We've worked together over the years, and one of the things we need to consider that the way that a Commissioner votes that, you know, that other Commissioners have other ideas, and if they want to vote for something that – that they feel that will help, and when we talking about a tax increase, we've got a responsibility for providing services for our community. Just like Union Mission, they take millions of dollars off of the tax payers in our community by providing medical services, the dental services, the housing, helping those homeless people in our community. There's multitudes of things that they do in this community, and it's very important that we have them. This Commission would be saddled if we had to pay all of those things in the emergency rooms and other things that come about, but just working together, and I just want all the Commissioners to feel that they've got a right to vote how they want to and should not be, you know, put in a compromising position. So to all of you, thank you for what you do, including you, Dean [Kicklighter], but we've got to, you know, be more reserved and do the right thing. Let's go on the board. Motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve his proposed M&O budget. Commissioner Gellatly seconded the motion. The motion failed to carry in an 8-1 vote with Chairman Liakakis, Commissioners Stone, Holmes, Shay, Farrell, Odell, Gellatly, and Thomas voting no. Commissioner Kicklighter voted yes.
- b. Commissioner Shay moved to approve alternative 3, annual budget of \$149,297,340 and adoption of the rollback millage rate of 11.109, with an addition of \$25,000 in available funding to the AWOL program, All Walks of Life, provided they come forward with their contractual work program, and 50% funding for the bond for Union Mission or \$125,000 provided they receive the other 50% funding from some other entity. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried in a vote of 5-4 with Chairman Liakakis, Commissioners Holmes, Shay, Odell, and Thomas voting yes; and Commissioners Stone, Farrell, Gellatly and Kicklighter voting no.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3
AGENDA DATE: June 24, 2011

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

ISSUE:

To adopt the Fiscal Year 2012 budget resolution for the Special Service District and adopt a millage levy resolution pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1.

In addition, authorize the Chairman to sign Form PT-35 County Millage Rate Certification and Form PT 32.1 Computation of Millage Rate rollback and Percentage Increase in Property Taxes for Tax Year 2011. The Forms are required to be certified and submitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue for digest approval for tax year 2011.

BACKGROUND:

Chatham County is required by law to adopt balanced annual budgets for its General Fund, Special Service Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project length budgets can be adopted for Capital Improvement Funds. A tax levy resolution must be submitted to the State of Georgia Department of Revenue. The Tax Assessor has scheduled delivery of the resolution during the week of July 25, 2011.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. A budget public hearing was held during the Chatham County Commission meeting held on May 27, 2011. Copies of the proposed budget were made available in the Finance Department as well as at all Chatham County branches of the Live Oak Public Library.
2. By law, Chatham County is required to wait one week after the budget public hearing before adopting budget resolutions. Budget adoption was advertised on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 in the *Savannah Morning News* for adoption on Friday, June 24, 2011.
3. If the proposed budget and millage rate are not adopted on June 24, 2011, the Board must revise the budget calendar and re-advertise at least fourteen days prior to millage adoption in accordance with state law. Adoption of continuing resolutions would be required in order to have a budget in place after the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2011. The continuing resolution would be based on the Fiscal Year 2011 amended budget.
4. Three budget and millage rate alternatives are presented to the Board for consideration. To summarize, the budget and millage rate alternatives for the General Fund M&O are:

Alternative 1 – Annual Budget of \$144,811,500 and Millage Rate of 10.537

Alternative 1 is based on the Fiscal 2012 Recommended Budget Workbook, adjusted for a 4.2% digest decline. This alternative includes program cuts of \$2,532,781, department cuts of \$5,792,080, layoffs of approximately 29 employees to generate cost reductions of \$1,261,870 and Fund Balance appropriations of \$1,531,507.

Alternative 2 – Annual Budget of \$145,463,740 and Millage Rate of 10.537

Alternative 2 mirrors Alternative 1 except that there are no staff layoffs. Instead Fund Balance appropriations of \$2,183,764 are used to fund operating costs and absorb personnel costs related to the proposed layoffs.

Alternative 3 – Annual Budget of \$149,297,340 and Adoption of the Rollback Millage Rate of 11.109

Alternative 3 includes the elimination of layoffs and fund balance appropriations. Also, since Alternative 3 includes adoption of the rollback millage levy of 11.109, tax revenue is restored to the General Fund. As shown in Attachment III, Section C, it is proposed that the \$3.8 million generated by the rollback millage rate be used to reduce the proposed \$8.3 million in program and department cuts. As suggested, most program cuts would be eliminated, and some department cuts would be restored. Departments would still be left with annual cuts of approximately 3.7%.

5. The current year tax digest and five year levy history advertisement was published on June 9, 2011 in the Savannah Morning News as required by State law. The published net General Fund millage rate of 1.109 equals the rollback rate calculated by the Tax Assessor's office on Form PT 32.1. The rollback rate recaptures values lost from the 4.2% decline in the tax digest. The current General Fund millage rate is 10.537.
6. The current year tax digest and five year levy history advertisement also includes a computation for a rollback millage rate associated with the collection of local option sales tax as required by O.C.G.A. 48-8-91. Note that this rollback rate is different from the millage rollback rate calculated by the Tax Assessor's office. It is computed to be .971 mils and is included in the millage levy resolution as required by State law.
7. During the Budget Public Hearing held on May 27, 2011, several organizations expressed interest in receiving continued or new funding from the County. New funding requests are not included in any of the budget alternatives presented herein. However, Alternative 3 does eliminate most program cuts, including closure of the Weightlifting Center and cuts to Construction Apprentice Program. This option also restores funding for the Bamboo Farm, CNT and indigent health programs. In addition, Alternative 3 provides increased Contingency account funding.
8. Funding for proposed layoffs under Alternative 1 would come from current staff vacancies. Instead of "hard" layoffs, vacancies would be managed by the Hiring Freeze Committee to produce required cost reductions.
9. Alternative 3 includes longevity pay increase for County staff of \$100 per service level. Longevity pay begins at 5 years service and is stepped up for each five year increment worked, up to 20 years of service. This funding is included on Attachment III. Corresponding adjustments to other County funds will be made if this item is approved.
10. Under any of the alternatives, the General Fund budget includes a loan of up to \$86,657 to the LDAO Fund for fiscal 2012 operations. Interest will be computed based on the State local government investment pool rate.
11. Budget and millage levy resolutions for the special Service District and other funds are attached to separate staff reports.

FUNDING.

Funding sources are identified in the budget resolution. Further detail is on file in the Chatham County Finance Department

POLICY ANALYSIS: Adoption of the annual budget and tax millage rates are governed by State Code.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Adoption of the Fiscal 2012 General Fund M&O budget resolution of \$144,811,500 and adoption of the year 2011 millage levy resolutions for a millage rate of 10.537 mils (net of sales tax rollback of .971 mils). The related millage levy and budget resolutions are shown as Attachment I.
2. Adoption of the Fiscal 2012 General Fund M&O budget resolution of \$145,463,740 and adoption of the year 2011 millage levy resolutions for a millage rate of 10.537 mils (net of sales tax rollback of .971 mils). The related millage levy and budget resolutions are shown as Attachment II.
3. Adoption of the Fiscal 2012 General Fund M&O budget resolution of \$149,297,340 and adoption of the year 2011 millage levy resolutions for a millage rate of 11.109 mils (net of sales tax rollback of .971 mils). The related millage levy and budget resolutions are shown as Attachment III. In addition, budget adjustments are adopted as detailed on Attachment III Schedule C.

4. That the Board provide other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State law requires that annual budgets be adopted by the Board of Commissioners for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project-length budgets should be adopted for Capital Projects Funds. State law also requires that the Board adopt a tax levy resolution annually for submission of the digest to the State of Georgia, Department of Revenue. (O.C.G.A. 48-5-302). Georgia law further specifies methods of publication of the County ad valorem tax rate (O.C.G.A. 48-5-32 and 48-5-32.1).

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve Alternative 3.



INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: June 23, 2011
TO: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Linda B. Cramer, Finance Director
SUBJECT: Analysis of Commissioner Kicklighter's Budget Proposals

Finance has reviewed Commissioner Kicklighter's budget proposals which basically alter Alternative 1 as described in the budget adoption agenda items. Finance would like to thank the commissioner for his thoughtful approach. Some adjustments were made to the proposals, as described below:

General Fund M&O Proposal:

The proposal, as adjusted by Finance, shows a total General Fund budget of \$144,570,205. The revenue side of this proposal includes a fund balance appropriation of \$1,290,235 which is less than the fund balance appropriation found in Budget Alternative 1.

The proposed reduction to the Victim Witness Assistance Program eliminates the General M&O funding of \$630,241 for the program. This action will create up to 10 staff layoffs. The Victim Witness Assistance Program also receives court fees to fund its operations, and these fees and activities are shown in a special revenue fund Restricted Court Fees Fund. The amount of revenue available for the Victim Witness Program in the Restricted Court Fees Fund is \$224,675; however 80% of those fees are committed under contract to non-profit agencies. This means that the County's Victim Assistance office will have an annual operating budget of \$44,935 plus any prior year unspent funds.

The elimination of funding for the Construction Apprentice Program will result in two layoffs.

Reducing the number of layoffs will generate savings in budgets for unemployment claims and accrued leave payouts. Finance shows an adjustment for this recalculation. Budget Alternative 1 had assumed 29 layoffs with unemployment and leave expenses of \$582,295. With the Commissioner's budget, 12 layoffs are assumed, and associated unemployment claims and accrued leave payouts total \$241,000.

Commissioner Kicklighter included parking garage revenue of \$100,000 in his budget. Finance adjusted this revenue out of the budget for two reasons. First, Facilities Maintenance staff is still developing the net revenue estimate for extended hours at the parking garage. Also, the Parking Garage's operations are shown as a separate enterprise fund. As such, its revenues are not usually reflected in the General Fund M&O.

Finance has not contacted operating departments to discuss the operating impact of proposed reductions.

Special Service District Proposal:

The proposal, as adjusted by Finance, shows a total SSD Fund budget of \$26,036,080. The revenue side of this proposal includes a fund balance appropriation of \$819,614 which is more than the fund balance appropriation found in Budget Alternative 1.

The proposal reduced the layoffs from 63 to 15. Most of the adjustments made to the proposal deal with salaries, unemployment benefits and accrued leave payouts associated with the layoffs. The net adjustment for layoffs totaled \$633,726.

The proposed expense reduction of \$634,260 for unemployment claims was removed by Finance because this is a cost associated with the layoffs, and is included in the revised layoff cost calculations.

Finance has not contacted operating departments to discuss the operating impact of proposed reductions.

This budget would drop reserve levels below the two month level stated in the County's financial policies. However, actual fund balance usage for fiscal 2011 may be less than \$1.6 million assumed in the projection, and the actual money will not be known until the audit is complete. If this proposal is adopted, the Board may wish to consider mid-year budget adjustments that maintain the fund's two month reserve level.

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4. TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR THE COUNTY'S PROPRIETARY FUNDS, DEBT SERVICE FUND, NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, AND CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS; AND TO ADOPT THE MILLAGE LEVY RESOLUTION FOR TAX YEAR 2011 FOR THE CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY.

Chairman Liakakis said, next item, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2012 budget resolution for the County's proprietary funds, debt service fund, non-major special revenue funds, and capital project funds; and to adopt the millage levy resolution for Tax Year 2011 for the Chatham Area Transit Authority.

Commissioner Shay said, move for approval, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

County Manager Abolt said, wait – wait. We want to perfect the record here. We're listening and participating in the audience, but Ms. Cramer and I are interpreting you're adopting Alternative number 3, which is on this handout, and I will read it, just again, so we don't have any problems in any future audits. Adoption of fiscal year 2012 resolution for the County's proprietary funds, debt service, non-major special revenue funds, and capital project funds; and adoption of the millage levy resolution for Chatham Area Transit Authority of .859 mills for tax year 2012. The related millage levy and budget resolution are shown herein. CAT attachment II. The CAT Board did – did recommend this to you about an hour ago.

Commissioner Shay said, can I motion now?

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

Commissioner Shay said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Odell said, second.

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

Commissioner Gellatly said, what are we doing?

Chairman Liakakis said, repeat that Russ [Abolt].

Commissioner Farrell said, CAT millage rate.

Commissioner Shay said, we're confirming all the other millage rates.

Commissioner Gellatly said, the one we already did.

Chairman Liakakis said, the one we already did --

Commissioner Thomas said, we've already done it.

County Manager Abolt said, and – and I apologize for the complexity. This is the last part of your \$622 million budget.

Commissioner Thomas said, we've already done it.

Chairman Liakakis said, and we – what we did was, for the – for CAT too to increase.

County Manager Abolt said, as the CAT Board you recommended to you as the Commission. That's all you did. Now as the Commission you're confirming.

Commissioner Odell said, you need to vote, David [Gellatly]. You're going to vote against it.

County Manager Abolt said, and I don't want to assume – Commissioner Gellatly has not computed this, and I apologize, but this is everything else but M&O and SSD which you've already done.

Commissioner Thomas said, can we move on, Mr. Chairman?

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman, I believe the motion passes.

Commissioner Gellatly said, Mr. Chairman, let's go.

County Manager Abolt said, thank you, very much.

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, excuse me. Motion passes.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you.

Commissioner Gellatly said, hey, that was good.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to adopt the fiscal year 2012 resolution for the County's proprietary funds, debt service fund, non-major special revenue funds, and capital project funds; and adoption the millage levy resolution for Tax Year 2011 for the Chatham Area Transit Authority of .859 mils for tax year 2012. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried in a vote of 5-4 with Chairman Liakakis, Commissioners Holmes, Shay, Odell, and Thomas voting yes; and Commissioners Stone, Farrell, Gellatly, and Kicklighter voting no.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-4
AGENDA DATE: June 24, 2011

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

ISSUE:

To adopt the Fiscal Year 2012 budget resolution for the County's proprietary funds, debt service fund, non-major special revenue funds, and capital project funds; and to adopt the millage levy resolution for Tax Year 2011 for the Chatham Area Transit Authority.

BACKGROUND:

Chatham County is required by law to adopt balanced annual budgets for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project length budgets can be adopted for Capital Improvement Funds.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. A budget public hearing was held during the Chatham County Commission meeting held on May 27, 2011. Copies of the proposed budget were made available in the Finance Department and at Chatham County branches of the Live Oak Public Library.
2. By law, Chatham County is required to wait one week after the budget public hearing before adopting budget resolutions. Budget adoption was advertised on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 in the *Savannah Morning News* for adoption on Friday, June 24, 2011.
3. If the proposed budget and millage rate are not adopted on June 24, 2011, the Board must revise the budget calendar and re-advertise at least fourteen days prior to millage adoption in accordance with state law. Adoption of continuing resolutions would be required in order to have a budget in place after the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2011. The continuing resolution would be based on the Fiscal Year 2011 amended budget.
4. The Chatham Area Transit Authority (CAT) Fund is shown as a proprietary fund within the County's financial reports. The County Manager's Recommended Budget listed a fund budget for CAT of \$18,115,617 that was based on the FY2011 adopted budget. Since April, CAT has recommended a budget of \$18,325,081 to its Board. The County's budget resolution is therefore updated to include a budget for the CAT Fund of \$18,325,081.
5. Although the CAT Board will separately approve the millage rate for the Transit District, the County Board of Commissioners must authorize the related millage levy resolution. The millage levy resolution included herein reflects adoption of a millage rate of .950 mils. Should a different millage rate be recommended by the CAT Board, then the County Board of Commissioners will need to direct staff to modify the millage levy resolution to the approved millage rate.
6. Budget resolutions for the General Fund M&O and Special Service District Fund are attached to separate staff reports.
7. Project budgets for the capital funds as attached to the budget resolution will be adopted upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2012 budget resolution.
8. The LDAO Fund budget includes a loan from the General Fund of up to \$86,657. The loan will be repaid with interest rates based on the State local government investment pool rates.

FUNDING:

Funding sources are identified in the budget resolution. Further detail is on file in the Chatham County Finance Department.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. That the Board adopt the Fiscal 2012 budget resolution for the County’s proprietary funds, debt service fund, non-major special revenue funds, and capital project funds; and that the Board adopt the millage levy resolution for the Chatham Area Trans Authority of .950 mils for Tax Year 2011.
- 2. That the Board provide other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State law requires that annual budgets be adopted by the Board of Commissioners for its General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Funds. Project-length budgets should be adopted for Capital Project Funds.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

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5. TO REQUEST THAT THE BOARD APPROVE A RESOLUTION CLARIFYING THE MILLAGE LEVY FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2011 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2012.

Chairman Liakakis said, Item 5, to request that the Board approve a Resolution clarifying the millage levy for fiscal year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

County Manager Abolt said, this – this is just for the auditors. This means you have a fiscal year that begins on the 1st of July and ends on the 30th of June and we collect taxes accordingly.

Commissioner Shay said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Liakakis said, do we have a second?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, say – repeat that.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

County Manager Abolt said, say again? Okay. This – this is – this is just to recognize we have a new fiscal year for – for the sake again of auditing and tax collecting. You’re saying that your fiscal year is the 1st of July through the 30th of June. That’s all you’re doing.

Chairman Liakakis said, that’s all it is.

Commissioner Thomas said, right here, from July the 1st to June the 30th 2012.

Chairman Liakakis said, Priscilla? Okay motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved for Board approval of a Resolution clarifying the millage levy for fiscal year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-5
AGENDA DATE: June 24, 2011

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

ISSUE:
To request that the Board approve a Resolution clarifying the millage levy for fiscal year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

BACKGROUND:
On July 28, 2000, the County Commission approved the year 2000 Tax Levy. Prior to January 1, 2000, the adoption of the annual millage levy for the Chatham County government was for generating taxes for the County’s fiscal year budget which was January 1 through December 31. With the change of the fiscal year effective in year 2000, it is necessary to clarify the tax year 2011 Millage Levy.

FACTS & FINDINGS
(1) A meeting was held on September 25, 2000, with the County Attorney, Richard Tindol with the audit firm Karp, Ronning & Tindol, P.C., and the Finance Director of the County to discuss the year 2000 Millage Levy and the funding for the short fiscal year.

- (2) The County Auditor, Richard Tindol with the audit firm Karp, Ronning & Tindol, P.C., requested that the County Commission clarify the application of the taxes from year 2000 Millage Levy for the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000.
- (3) The attached Resolution is intended to clarify the Tax Levy for the tax year 2011.
- (4) The millage levy applies to all three taxing districts: the General Fund M&O, Special Service District Fund and Chatham Area Transit District Fund.

FUNDING: N/A

ALTERNATIVES: N/A

POLICY ANALYSIS:

State law requires that the Board adopt a tax levy resolution annually for submission of the digest to the State of Georgia, Department of Revenue (Ga. Code 48-5-302).

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve the attached Resolution.

PREPARED BY: Read DeHaven

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6. TO PRESENT A CONTINUING RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2011, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2012 FOR BOARD APPROVAL TO ENABLE THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO OPERATE UNTIL THE FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET IS ADOPTED. THIS ACTION IS ONLY REQUIRED IF THE BOARD FAILS TO ADOPT FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET RESOLUTIONS.

Chairman Liakakis said and 6 we don't do – need – need at this time.

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7. CNT MONTHLY REPORT GIVEN VERBALLY BY DIRECTOR RAGAN.

Chairman Liakakis said, and CNT Monthly Report given verbally by Director Ragan.

Mr. Everett Ragan, CNT Director, said, and very quickly 'cause I know you've had a very busy day and a little stressful. But a very quick – very quick briefing. The – we initiated 95 cases in the month of May. So far we've closed out 45. A couple of significant things, we recovered almost \$37,000 worth of marijuana. One through a postal intercept we had with a pound coming in out of California, and we recovered almost \$87,420 worth of pills actually out off the West Chatham precinct, off Ogeechee Road, Cottonvale Road, executed a search warrant out there. Just looking you can see, again, with our – we picked up 10 guns, and we arrested 34 people so far. When we look at the breakdown of the municipalities, again Garden City with the number of hours we work, was almost 2100 hours in Garden City. The biggest precinct again that we picked up on in the downtown was the – City of Savannah was 3100 hours we worked in the central precinct. Just a couple of very quick highlights. We included eight so far, we'll just go over about three of them. Again we did two postal intercepts this year, this month, in the month of May, with the one pound of marijuana. We did also intercept through the postal inspector's office was delivered to a house on the westside of Savannah was heroine that came in through the mail. So we picked up both of those through the adoption cases. We also executed search warrant and arrest warrants at the Days Inn at – in Garden City. Basically it was the methamphetamine. We followed them "smurfing", got them to the house before they started the cook. This is one of the individuals that was arrested on that was actually one that his meth lab out off Osteen Road caused the big fire out there several months ago that we had. He's – we've been looking at him for that, and those charges will be coming forth. Another one we did, like I said, was on Cottonvale Road, individual who goes by the nickname of Roxy Mike. We had heard his name, we had worked him. We arrested him, recovered over 2100 pills of Oxycodone out of his house. He had two safes in his house; \$16,000 in cash that he had in his safe plus he had just paid cash for a 2008 Lexus that is now ours. So – belongs to the County. Those are just some highlights we had, and we appreciate every Commissioner's hard work on the budget and CNT appreciates what everything was done.

Chairman Liakakis said, Everett [Ragan], the City of Savannah, they're distributed like we do at the County? The City Manager and City Council members get that same one?

Director Ragan said, yes, sir. The City – the City Manager and the Council gets the – every news release we send out, plus every copy of the – of the report.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Commissioner Odell said, and that's not just for the City of Savannah? That's for Garden City, Pooler –

Director Ragan said, Drug Advisory Board gets it. We don't – I don't know that we send them to all of the municipalities, but we will.

Commissioner Odell said, I think it – I think it may be a modest increase in cost, but CNT represents everyone in Chatham County, and I think if we were to let the Mayors of the various municipalities have some idea, it would be good, and hopefully, we can gain greater support from them. And also the – the old ones from the past.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir. We will take –

Commissioner Odell said, do you think it would be a good idea for –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah, I think it'd be a great idea. Thank you.

Director Ragan said, okay. So, we'll – we'll make it happen.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-6
AGENDA DATE: June 24, 2011

Chatham~Savannah Counter Narcotics Team	
Monthly Report	May, 2011

NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS	
Investigations:	Number
Investigations Initiated During the month	95
Total Number of Investigations Cleared (Arrest, E.C., Unfounded)	49

DRUGS SEIZED			
Drug Type	Value	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	12.90 Grams	\$1,290.00
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	1.40 Grams	\$140.00
Methamphetamine	\$100 per gram**	64.10 Grams	\$6,410.00
Marijuana	\$140 per ounce*	264 Ounces	\$36,960.00
Heroin	\$250 per gram*	1.80 Grams	\$450.00
Ecstasy	\$25 Dosage Unit	139 D/U	\$3,475.00
Misc. Pills	\$30 Dosage Unit	2914 D/U	\$87,420.00
Hallucinogens	\$10.00 per gram *	0 Grams	\$0
Synthetic (DMT)	\$40.00 per gram *	0 Grams	\$0

*Source: Office National Drug Control Policy

** Source: Established regional average price

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

DRUGS SEIZED—YEAR TO DATE		
Drug Type	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	93.60 Grams	\$9,360.00
Crack Cocaine	66.00 Grams	\$6,600.00
Methamphetamine	187.1 Grams	\$18,710.00
Marijuana	3,091 Ounces	\$432,740.00
Heroin	3.5 Grams	\$875.00
Ecstasy	363 D/U	\$9,075.00
Misc. Pills	6,161 D/U	\$184,830.00
Hallucinogens	0 Grams	\$0
Synthetic (DMT)	0 Grams	\$0

DRUGS PURCHASED			
Drug Type	Value	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	3.30 Grams	\$330.00
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	1.10 Grams	\$110.00
Methamphetamine	\$100 per gram**	0 Grams	\$0
Marijuana	\$140 per ounce*	1.75 Ounces	\$245.00
Heroin	\$250 per gram*	0 Grams	\$0.00
Ecstasy	\$25 Dosage Unit	170 D/U	\$4,250.00
Misc. Pills	\$30 Dosage Unit	60 D/U	\$1,800.00

Source: Office National Drug Control Policy

** Source: Established regional average price

WEAPONS SEIZED	
Firearms (including hand guns and long guns)	10
Year To Date Totals	46

PERSONS ARRESTED*	
Felony*	6
Felony Sales/Trafficking	19

Misdemeanor	1
Felony Non-Drug**	8
Total Arrests	34
Year To Date Totals	177

*Felony includes Manufacturing Methamphetamine or Marijuana

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

DRUG COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED		
Drug Complaints	Received	Assigned
Project Log/Official Complaints	1	1
Hot Line / Call-In Complaints	6	6
Green Sheets/ Outside Agencies	2	2
Crime Stopper Complaints	36	30
DRUG COMPLAINTS—YEAR TO DATE	177	166

**DRUG INVESTIGATIONS
HOURS WORKED BY ZONE**

SCMPD – All Precincts TOTAL 2,167

Municipalities TOTAL 971

Administrative Hours	685
Case Administration	813
Pharmaceutical Diversions	480
Central Intelligence	480
Out of County (Task Force Operations, etc.)	22
Assistance Rendered to Outside Agencies	35
Training	304
<u>Court Hours</u>	<u>87</u>
TOTAL	<u>2,906</u>

Total Hours Worked 6,044

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. On 05/03/2011, CNT agents received information from narcotics investigators in California concerning a Federal Express package destined for Savannah. Agents intercepted the package in which was found approximately one pound of high grade marijuana. A search warrant was executed at the intended residence of the package on Al Henderson Boulevard and additional marijuana and a Smith and Wesson .40 caliber pistol were seized.
2. On 05/04/2011, CNT agents worked a joint investigation with the U.S. Postal Inspector in reference to a suspicious package addressed to a house on West 35th Street. The package was later found to contain over 30 small personal use bags of Heroin (1.8 grams). One subject was arrested and charged with possession of Heroin with the intent to distribute.
3. On 05/04/2011, CNT agents concluded a short term investigation by executing two search warrants on Pinetree Road and East 58th Street. The search produced powder cocaine, cutting agents, plastic bags, four firearms (two rifles and two handguns with one being stolen), approximately \$900 in currency and other items utilized for distribution. Four subjects were arrested and charged with sale of cocaine and weapons charges. Three of the four subjects were either on probation or parole stemming from previous drug convictions.
4. On 05/04/201, CNT received information concerning a recent CNT seized vehicle that CNT had sold at auction (Toyota Land Cruiser) was currently advertised on "Craig's List" with an advertised mileage of 147,000 miles. The vehicle was just recently sold at the auction with over 247,000 miles on it. Contact was made with the sellers (the new purchasers) who showed agents the vehicle and advertised it as having 147,000 miles on it. After explaining the situation to the sellers both admitted their involvement in rolling back the odometer. Both were arrested and charged with odometer fraud and the vehicle was again seized by CNT.
5. On 05/13/2011, CNT agents executed a search warrant at the Days Inn Hotel in Garden City involving a suspected meth lab and persons involved in "smurfing" pseudoephedrine. "Smurfing" is the act of multiple people purchasing the maximum amount of pseudoephedrine allowed in the stores and then bringing it to a location to be used in the manufacturing of meth. Agents observed several subjects at various pharmacies purchasing pseudoephedrine and bringing it back to the hotel. Agents arrested two subjects in the room in possession of over 13 boxes of pseudoephedrine. In addition, \$1,360 in currency was seized from one of the

subjects. A search of room revealed finished methamphetamine product, a firearm, numerous components (filters, tubing, solvents, lithium, bottles, and other chemicals) that were going to be utilized in the manufacturing process of meth. The two subjects that were previously arrested for the possession of the pseudoephedrine were also charged with manufacturing methamphetamine. One of the subjects arrested is a person of interest and is expected to be charged in connection with another meth lab that resulted in a large fire on Osteen Road a couple months ago. A search was later conducted at this subject's residence which produced more meth related items and a 20 gauge shotgun.

6. On 05/16/2011, CNT agents received information concerning two subjects manufacturing meth in Effingham County and bringing it into the Port Wentworth area. The two subjects were identified as previous meth traffickers and were currently out on bond from a December 2010 drug arrest in Effingham. Investigation resulted in the arrest of one subject in possession of several grams of meth and the discovery of an active lab site, finished meth product and other items associated with manufacturing meth.

7. On 05/17/2011, CNT concluded a short term investigation involving a subject selling large quantities of ecstasy with the execution of a search warrant in the 900 block of West 51st Street. A search of the residence produced over 821 dosage units of ecstasy, a 9mm firearm, several marijuana plants, and approximately \$1,000 in currency. Both targets of the investigation were Jamaican Nationals and were found to be in the U.S. illegally. One was charged with sale/trafficking ecstasy and the other was charged with manufacturing marijuana. ICE was notified and has placed a hold on both subjects.

8. On 05/19/2011, CNT agents concluded a long term investigation by executing a search warrant on Waterstone Court, Savannah, Georgia. This investigation involved several subjects selling large quantities of Roxycodone in and around the Savannah area (to include Bryan County). A search of the residence revealed a wall safe in the master bedroom closet which was found to contain over 2,142 tablets of Roxycodone (along with other pills) and approximately \$16,000 in currency. In addition, a 2008 Lexus IS250 was also seized from the main target after receipts identified it as having been purchased for cash in March 2011. The main target, "Roxy Mike" was arrested and charged with outstanding Bryan County felony warrants and new Chatham County charges for possession with the intent to distribute Roxycodone.

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X. ACTION CALENDAR

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

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, we have under the Action Calendar under Items 1 through Item 5, and under 5 A through C. We need a motion on the floor to approve these unless a –

Commissioner Gellatly said, so moved.

Chairman Liakakis said – Commissioner has an item to pull out.

Commissioner Farrell said, second. I'd like to – could Pat [Monahan] – could this – that Item A is – is a really good item, could Pat Monahan just give us a couple minutes on that?

County Manager Abolt said, sure, sure. Whatever's your pleasure, sir. Mr. Monahan's available.

Commissioner Farrell said, Pat [Monahan], could you tell us what you've been working on in Item A for the – for this building?

Assistant County Manager Pat Monahan said, yes, sir. As you know it's a challenge working in a historic building. We're trying these retrofits through the Federal Funding – Federal Economic Stimulus Funding, and so we went out to bid and awarded a bid – the Commission awarded a bid to – for these acrylic inserts, and what they've been proven not only to provide withstanding hurricane up to a category 3, but the added value that no one realized at first is it reduced energy loss by 60%. And I'll give you an example. That's one of the inserts, which you – you can't see it, and that's why it's appropriate when you have a historic building, but what it does is – yeah – so you can't see it and it's approved by the Department of Interior, and the – the good thing about it took, it can be removed in about ten seconds for cleaning.

Commissioner Odell said, I – I can see it.

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, so what happened –

Commissioner Farrell said, it needs cleaning?

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, in the –

Commissioner Farrell said, I can't see it.

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, in the original bid the – the staff put out to do the bid to do all the windows but we neglected the storm windows, and those are the windows that are actually in the ceiling up on the fourth floor. So what we want to do is make the entire building air tight. And if I may, it's through the Chairman,

we've actually made a number of improvements to this building. We've put in a new chiller system, high efficiency chiller system. We put in some – the acrylic inserts, and in all the lighting you see, we switched out from the HP12s to the HP8s. So we're probably significantly going to reduce our energy consumption in this building.

Commissioner Farrell said, well it looks like it's about \$50 a window, and if you're saving 60% more energy efficient, that has to bode well for the long term –

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Farrell said, – recurring expense of heating and cooling and also with the other items you worked on on the lighting. So I commend your effort and – and like to see good positive progress that'll address future outlays for necessities such as electricity and heating and air conditioning in this modern day.

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, and the best part about it, the Federal government's paying for it. We're paying for it through the Federal government.

Commissioner Farrell said, nice to have a little help from Washington from time to time.

Chairman Liakakis said, and since we had that discussion on A, I need a motion on the floor from 1 through 5 and under 5, A through C.

Commissioner Farrell said, it's on the – it's already on the –

Commissioner Gellatly said, I've already done it.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Gellatly moved to approve the action calendar, Items 1 through 5 and under Item 5, Items A through C. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay and Odell were not present for the vote.]

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

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- 1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 10, 2011, AS MAILED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Gellatly moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 10, 2011, as mailed. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shay and Odell were no present for the vote.]

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- 2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 2, 2011 THROUGH JUNE 15, 2011.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Gellatly moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period June 2, 2011 through June 15, 2011, in the amount of \$3,828,454. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shay and Odell were not present for the vote.]

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- 3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL FOR THE TAX COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE TO WRITE OFF UNCOLLECTIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE PERIOD 2003 THROUGH 2011. WITH AN ADDITIONAL REQUEST FOR THEM TO INSTRUCT THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS NOT TO CREATE A 2011 ASSESSMENT AND/OR ANY SUBSEQUENT ASSESSMENT OF THE SAME PROPERTIES.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Gellatly moved for approval for the Tax Commissioner’s Office to write off Uncollectible Personal Property taxes for the period 2003 through 2011. With an additional request for them to instruct the Board of Assessors not to create a 2011 assessment and/or any subsequent assessment of the same properties. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shay and Odell were not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-3
AGENDA DATE: June 24, 2011

TO: Board of Commissioners
THROUGH: R.E. Abolt, County Manager
THROUGH: Daniel T. Powers, Tax Commissioner
FROM: Theresa C. Harrelson, Special Projects Accountant

ISSUE:

To present a request to the Board for the Tax Commissioner’s Office to write off uncollectible Property Taxes for the period 2003 through 2011. With an additional request for them to instruct the Board of Assessor’s not to create a 2011 assessment and/or any subsequent assessment of the same properties.

BACKGROUND:

During the period 2003 through 2011 numerous personal property and mobile home tax accounts on the County’s Tax Digest remain uncollected. These accounts are uncollectible for many reasons such as the owner(s) cannot be located; the owner(s) have moved; the owner(s) are deceased; the business is no longer in operation or has no assets or a bankruptcy judgment has paid less than 100 cents on the dollar. Therefore, the balance outstanding in these accounts cannot be collected.

The amount of uncollectible personal property and mobile home taxes determined thus far for the period of 2003 through 2011 total \$30,473.15 that consists of 117 receipts years as summarized:

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>No. Receipts</u>	<u>Total Tax Due</u>	<u>County Portion</u>
2003	12	\$ 1,864.85	\$ 634.48
2004	10	\$ 1,607.59	\$ 561.89
2005	11	\$ 1,303.05	\$ 481.20
2006	10	\$ 803.90	\$ 304.00
2007	11	\$ 937.56	\$ 367.16
2008	17	\$ 8,167.04	\$ 3,377.94
2009	25	\$ 13,599.14	\$ 5,562.96
2010	19	\$ 2,032.24	\$ 788.42
<u>2011</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>\$ 157.76</u>	<u>\$ 56.90</u>
TOTAL	117	\$ 30,473.15	\$12,134.95

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- (1) When yearly audits are performed by both External and State Auditors, as well as periodical audits by Internal Auditors, it has been their recommendation to write off these uncollectible accounts.
- (2) A copy of the schedule listing all the accounts is attached.

ALTERNATIVES:

- (1) Approve the Tax Commissioner’s request to write off these uncollectible accounts.
- (2) Do not approve the Tax Commissioner’s request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

By writing off these uncollectible personal property accounts the County will be working with an accurate Tax Digest and valid delinquent accounts receivable records.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board approve Alternative 1.

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4. REQUEST FOR A NEW BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE FOR 2011. PETITIONER: DESIREE S. CHISOLM, D/B/A THE LOUNGE ON 17, LOCATED AT 5630 OGEECHEE ROAD, SUITE 2, 31405.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Gellatly moved to approve a request for a new beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 2011. Petitioner: Desiree S. Chisolm, d/b/a The Lounge on 17, located at 5630 Ogeechee Road, Suite 2, 31405. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shay and Odell were not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4
AGENDA DATE: June 24, 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 beer, wine and liquor pouring license for 2011. **Desiree S. Chisolm, d/b/a The Lounge on 17**, located at **5630 Ogeechee Road, Suite 2, Savannah, Georgia 31405**.

BACKGROUND
Ms. Chisolm requests approval for a new beer, wine, and liquor pouring license in connection with a new lounge.

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

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

District 7

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Chief Willie Lovett

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5. 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 Gellatly moved for approval to award bids as follows: (Please note that new purchase thresholds of \$10,000 or more have been enacted; however, contracts and change orders of a lesser amount still will appear.) Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Shay and Odell were not present for the vote.]

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
A. Change Order No. 1 to the contract to supply and install 220 interior storm windows at the Administrative Legislative Courthouse for additional work and extend contract 15 days	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Pioneer Construction, Inc. (MBE)	\$12,329	Energy and Conservation Block Grant
B. Construction contract to renovate eight (8) restrooms at Memorial Stadium	Parks and Recreation	Y Delta, Inc.	\$293,300	CIP - Parks and Recreation
C. Construction contract to build a disability access ramp and accessible seating at Memorial Stadium	Parks and Recreation	Harbor Construction & Contracting LLC	\$78,600	•CIP - Parks and Recreation - \$60,00 •General Fund/M & O - ADA Compliance - \$18,000

AGENDA ITEM: X-5
AGENDA DATE: June 24, 2011

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

ITEM A

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$12,329 to the construction contract with Pioneer Construction, Inc., a MBE firm, for additional scope of work to supply and install 23 additional interior storm windows at the Administrative Legislative Courthouse and add 15 days to completion dates.

BACKGROUND: On 18 March 2011, the Board approved a construction contract with Pioneer Construction Inc. to supply and install 220 interior storm windows at the Administrative Legislative Courthouse.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Installation of the interior storm windows is currently underway and is projected to save approximately \$29,440 per year. The project is a part of the Energy and Conservation Block Grant, which aims to improve energy consumption and energy efficiency for local governments across the United States.
2. During the installation process of these windows it was discovered that 23 additional windows need to be installed to achieve maximum energy efficiency. Twenty of the additional windows will be on the fourth floor and the remaining three (3) will be on the second floor. In order to complete the additional scope of work, an additional 15 days are required.
3. Staff has reviewed the pricing provided by Pioneer Construction Inc., for the 23 additional interior storm windows. The price provided is consistent with the contract price.
4. Contract history is as follows:

Original Contract Amount (3-18-11)	\$ 117,921
Change Order No. 1 (Pending)	\$ 12,329
Revised Contract Amount	\$ 130,250

FUNDING: Energy and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)
 (2501110-54.13001-25024182)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$12,329 to the construction contract with Pioneer Construction, Inc., a MBE firm, for additional scope of work to supply and install 23 additional interior storm windows at the Administrative Legislative Courthouse and add 15 days to the completion date.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve Change Orders when it is in the best interest of the County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
TOM DRANE

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$293,300 construction contract to Y-Delta, Inc., to renovate the eight (8) restrooms at Memorial Stadium.

BACKGROUND: Memorial Stadium serves many purposes in Chatham County. It is used by our public school system, private citizens, and the surrounding community to host many events. In addition the stadium restroom facilities have exceeded its useful life and are beginning to fail.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The restroom facilities at Memorial Stadium were last known to have been renovated more than twenty years ago; however, the extent of the renovation is unknown.
2. The restrooms are beginning to fail and could potentially become a safety hazard to the citizens and communities who access the facility. Additionally, the restrooms fail to meet the American Disability Act (ADA) standards and guidelines.
3. Staff solicited quotes and the Board approved a contract with Dawson Architects to develop plans and specifications for the project.
4. The project was properly advertised and six (6) bids were received and opened on 31 May 2011. The bid responses are as follows:

Y-Delta Inc. Statesboro, GA	\$293,300
Erickson Associates, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$307,900
Michael Holder, Inc. Jacksonville, FL	\$319,487
* R.L. Construction, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$337,822
Marchese Construction LLC Pooler, GA	\$359,210
* Collins Construction Services, Inc. Thunderbolt, GA	\$363,524

*WBE Firm

5. Staff reviewed the low bid and references from Y-Delta, Inc. and believes their bid to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - Parks and Recreation
(3506100 - 52.22001 - 35031307)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$293,300 construction to Y-Delta, Inc., to renovate the eight (8) restrooms at Memorial Stadium.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$78,600 construction contract to Harbor Construction & Contracting LLC to build a disability access ramp and accessible seating at Memorial Stadium.

BACKGROUND: Memorial Stadium serves many purposes to our community such as hosting football games for Chatham County area public schools, local colleges, private institutions, and a variety of other public and private events. At this time, the stadium is currently not in compliance with meeting American Disability Act (ADA) standards.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. It is mandated by federal law that all public facilities have accessibility for people with disabilities. The addition of an access ramp and accessible seating will move the stadium closer to compliance. Plans and specifications were developed by RWP Engineering Inc. to ensure compliance standards were met.
- 2. The project was properly advertised and four (4) bids were received and opened on 1 June 2011. The bid responses are as follows:

Harbor Construction & Contracting LLC Savannah, GA	\$78,600
* Collins Construction Services Thunderbolt, GA	\$80,453
Keith Ray Construction, Inc. Thunderbolt, GA	\$98,700
* E & D Contracting Services Savannah, GA	\$142,000

*WBE Firm

- 3. Staff reviewed the low bid and references from Harbor Construction & Contracting LLC and believes their bid to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - Parks and Recreation
(3506100 - 54.13001 - 35031307) – \$60,600
General Fund/M&O - ADA Compliance
(1001556 - 52.11001) - \$18,000

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval to award a \$78,600 construction contract to Harbor Construction & Contracting LLC to build a disability access ramp and accessible seating at Memorial Stadium.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
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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.

1. ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE PENNYWORTH ISLAND AS A LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT ON THE CHATHAM COUNTY REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES. MPC FILE NO. DP20110328-12-1 [DISTRICT 8.]

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, under First Readings, will be no activity on it but it's an ordinance to designate Pennyworth Island as a historical district on the Chatham County Register of Historic Places. And it's got the MPC file right there. There's no action on that today.

Chairman Liakakis read the first reading.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

None.

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached as information.

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

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-2

AGENDA DATE: June 24, 2011

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

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Accident repair to Unit K-8, claim filed with Risk Manager	Fleet Operations	A and L Autobody	\$4,754	General Fund/M & O - Fleet Operations
Extended warranty on tree planting and relocation of trees	Special Projects	Savannah Tree Foundation	\$2,562	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Mother Mathilda Beasley Park
Accident repair to Unit 1938, claim filed with Risk Manager	Fleet Operations	A and L Autobody	\$3,136	General Fund/M & O - Fleet Operations
18 tires to stock inventory	Fleet Operations	SOS Radial Tire Service	\$3,182	Inventory Account
Pilot brief radar service renewal to upgrade software	Mosquito Control	WSI, Inc.	\$3,540	General Fund/M & O - Mosquito Control
Fabrication and install of lettering, images, aluminum & plexiglass frames	Mosquito Control	Signs for Minds	\$9,990	General Fund/M & O - Mosquito Control
Parking lot for S & O Canal for engineering and permit fees	Special Projects	Savannah-Ogeechee Canal Society Inc.	\$8,035	SPLOST (1998-2003) - Ogeechee Canal
Training for upgrade on work order software system	Fleet Operations	CCG Systems, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$5,000	General Fund/M & O - Fleet Operations

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
One (1) HP color laser printer, five (5) toner cartridges	I.C.S.	Entre Solutions (MBE)	\$3,590	General Fund/M & O - Tax Commissioner
Dell network items as needed	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$5,400	General Fund/M & O - I.C.S.
Network infrastructure-San equipment needed for Xiotech replacement project	I.C.S.	Veristor Systems, Inc.	\$7,800	General Fund/M & O - I.C.S.
Projected training costs for IT training and certification for I.C.S. technicians and travel costs for professional staff training and certification	I.C.S.	Global Knowledge Training Center	\$8,726	General Fund/M & O - I.C.S.
Various telephone equipment for replacement, cards and sets, handsets and headsets	I.C.S.	Integrated Network Solutions, Inc.	\$6,000	General Fund/M & O - Communications
45 task chairs including delivery & assembly	Court Administrator	Staples Business Advantage	\$9,456	General Fund/M & O - Court Administrator
One (1) 30" double wall over w/convection thermador	Sheriff's	Livingood's	\$4,999	General Fund/M & O - Sheriff
One (1) 60" gas range top w/6 burners/ griddle & grill	Sheriff's	Livingood's	\$4,999	General Fund/M & O - Sheriff
1,500 fluorescent tube light bulbs, 300 fluorescent light bulbs, 570 electronic ballasts	Facilities Maintenance	Consolidated Electrical Distributors, Inc.	\$8,887	Energy and Conservation Block Grant
350 gallons of Aqua Neat herbicides and chemicals	Public Works and Park Services	Helena Chemical Company	\$5,851	SSD - Public Works
One (1) Motorola handheld scanner with maintenance agreement for Records facility	I.C.S.	Filetrail (Sole Source)	\$6,890	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Courthouse Renovation
One (1) Realcare Baby simulator, two (2) add-on kits, four (4) upgrade kits	Juvenile Court	Realityworks, Inc., (Sole Source)	\$4,266	General Fund/M & O - Juvenile Court
Soccer referees March 24 thru April 10	Public Works and Park Services	Greater Savannah Soccer Association	\$3,126	General Fund/M & O - Parks and Recreation
Purchase and installation of computer cabling at Sheriff's Department	I.C.S.	Entre Solutions (MBE)	\$4,500	General Fund/M & O - Sheriff
Assorted automotive parts for stock inventory	Fleet Operations	White Brothers Auto Parts Warehouse	\$3,742	Inventory Account
Extended maintenance on Fuelmaster	Fleet Operations	Syn-Tech Systems, Inc.	\$2,756	General Fund/M & O - Fleet Operations
Five (5) MSI office software, 17 Office Pro Plus software, six (6) Adobe software	I.C.S.	CDW Government, Inc.	\$7,301	General Fund/M & O - I.C.S.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Repairs to HVAC System	Sheriff's	Baker Distributing Company, Inc.	\$5,380	General Fund/M & O - Sheriff
Eight (8) digital on-site two-way radios for Child Support	I.C.S.	Savannah Communication & Electronic	\$2,800	Child Support Enforcement
Mailing of June tag renewals	Tax Commissioner	World Marketing (Sole Source)	\$4,916	General Fund/M & O - Tax Commissioner
HVAC service agreement for CNT building	Facilities Maintenance	Erickson Associates, Inc.	\$2,650	Reimbursable Expenses
Mail meter rental for Wilmington Island and Police Memorial Drive tag offices	Tax Commissioner	Pitney Bowes Credit Corp. (Sole Source)	\$2,586	General Fund/M & O - Tax Commissioner
Three (3) Tellermate currency and coin scale, printers and batteries	Tax Commissioner	Progressive Business Systems, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$4,131	General Fund/M & O - Tax Commissioner
Remove existing water cooler and valve and install new ADA compliant water cooler to include new water and sewer lines at Mother Mathilda Beasley Park	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Henry Plumbing (MBE)	\$6,060	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Mother Mathilda Beasley Park
30 Replacement Dell monitors for Child Support	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$5,251	Child Support Enforcement
One (1) high temp under counter dishwasher for Lakeside Center	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Restaurant Equipment Company	\$3,085	CIP - Health Department
One (1) directional gyro	Mosquito Control	Heli-Mart, Inc.	\$3,535	General Fund/M & O - Mosquito Control
100 cases anti-bacterial fragrance free soap	Detention Center	Bob Barker Company, Inc.	\$2,771	General Fund/M & O - Detention Center
Lake Mayer Master Plan	Public Works and Park Services	Thomas & Hutton Engineering Company	\$4,800	General Fund/M & O - Parks and Recreation
Soccer referees April 14 thru May 8	Public Works and Park Services	Greater Savannah Soccer Association	\$3,165	General Fund/M & O - Parks and Recreation
850 gallon tank with containment system	Aquatic Center	Allied Universal Corporation	\$3,838	General Fund/M & O - Aquatic Center
Replace Pool Pak #2 sensor	Aquatic Center	Boaen Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	\$2,590	General Fund/M & O - Aquatic Center
Ten (10) side chairs	County Attorney	Kimball International Marketing, Inc.	\$3,393	General Fund/M & O - County Attorney
60" stainless hood w/blower, dishwasher and back splash	Sheriff's	Livingood's	\$4,784	General Fund/M & O - Sheriff
Install Concrete pad and sidewalks at Lakeside Center	Facilities Maintenance & Operations	Coastline Concrete Services, Inc.	\$6,584	CIP - Health Department
Advertising for "Hurricane Preparedness Minute"	Special Projects	WRHQ	\$5,000	General Fund/M & O - Public Information
Furniture for State Court Judge's office	State Court Judges	Office Services, LLC	\$8,000	General Fund/M & O - State Court Judges
8,300 printed file folders	State Court Clerk	VIP Printing & Office Supply (WBE)	\$6,781	General Fund/M & O - State Court Clerk

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Office furniture for Clerk of Superior Court at Records Center	Special Projects	Office Services, LLC	\$7,058	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Courthouse Renovation
Assorted automotive parts for stock inventory	Fleet Operations	White Brothers Auto Parts Warehouse	\$3,147	Inventory Account
Miscellaneous office supplies	I.C.S.	Staples Business Advantage	\$2,800	General Fund/M & O - Communication
Ford web based training for fleet techs/mechanics	Fleet Operations	Helm, Inc.	\$2,650	General Fund/M & O - Fleet Operations
Four (4) turnbuckle assemblies, six (6) pins and one (1) muffler	Fleet Operations	Consolidated Disposal Systems, Inc.	\$3,116	Inventory Account

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3. ROAD AND DRAINAGE REPORTS.

A status report was attached as information.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 ROADS
AGENDA DATE: June 24, 2011

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Leon Davenport, P.E., Assistant County Engineer
ISSUE: To provide information on the status of Chatham County road projects.

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

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Truman Parkway, Phase 5. Construction underway. Estimated completion December 2013.
2. Diamond Causeway. The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) awarded a design/build contract in 2009 to LPA/United Contracting (joint venture) to construct a two lane high level bridge over Skidaway Narrows to replace the bascule bridge. Estimated completion of September 2013.
3. Whitefield Avenue. ROW was certified to the GDOT on June 23, 2010. Permitting and design are complete. The GDOT moved the let for the project to August 2011.
4. Bay Street Widening from I-516 to Bay Street Viaduct. ROW plans approved by GDOT. Right of way acquisitions are on hold pending assessment of alternatives to minimize impacts to historic properties. A Public Information Open House was held on April 28, 2011. Coordination with the GDOT, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and Federal Highway Administration (FWA) is ongoing. Next step is approval of Assessment of Effects by the GDOT, which will then be forwarded to SHPO for concurrence. A decision should be received in the next 2 months.
5. Local Roads.
 - a. Kings Ferry Boat Ramp roads and parking. Under construction. Ramps and parking area are closed to public use. Board awarded a contract on August 13, 2010. Contractor terminated for cause on May 16, 2011. Surety Company is not responding on a course of action for completion. 30 days of construction will complete the project.
 - b. Fenwick Avenue/Medford Street. Project is substantially complete.
 - c. Intersection improvements at King George Blvd and Grove Point Road. Construction plans complete. Utility relocation complete. County Contract with GDOT complete. Notice to Proceed issued April 27, 2011. Scheduled completion November 2011.
 - d. Billings Road. Project is substantially complete.

- e. Elmhurst Road. Beechwood Road and Ridgewood Road. Design complete. ROW acquisition underway.
- f. Wright Avenue. Design complete. ROW acquisition underway.
- g. Faye Road and Hunt Road Bridges. Designs to construct replacement bridges are expected to be complete by August 2011. ROW acquisitions are underway on both projects. Anticipate soliciting bids for construction contracts in September 2011.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts All

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 DRAINAGE
AGENDA DATE: June 24, 2011

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: A. G. Bungard, County Engineer

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

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

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Pipemakers Canal. The Pipemakers Canal extends from Bloomingdale to the Savannah River (over 13 miles). The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization, sluice gates and culverts. Construction of the sluice gate structure and channel improvements from SR21 to the Savannah River (Phase 1) was completed in 2005. Construction of Phase 2A which includes improvements from Phase 1 to Dean Forest Road is underway. A project to identify and obtain canal rights of way in the reach west of I-95 is underway. Using the Quality Based Selection process, a consultant has been selected for fee negotiations to complete a preliminary design of a storm water pump station for the Pipemakers Canal. The preliminary design will consider environmental, operational, and cost factors.

2. Hardin Canal. The Hardin Canal extends from Bloomingdale to Salt Creek near US 17 (over 12 miles). The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization, bridges and culverts. Projects that replaced culverts at SR 307 (Dean Forest Road) and within the Southbridge golf course area are complete. Staff is pursuing resolution of permitting issues with the US Army Corps of Engineers for drainage improvements beyond the immediate limits of the recently completed culvert project at Dean Forest Road.

3. Golden Isles. The project will relieve neighborhood drainage issues including structural flooding of homes with the construction of an upgraded storm sewer system. Staff is soliciting bids for construction and expects to present a recommendation for award of a contract for project construction by July 2011.

4. Wilmington Park Canal. The Wilmington Park Canal extends from North Cromwell Road to the Wilmington River (about 1.4 miles). The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization and culverts. Design work is underway on the design of five undersized culverts along the canal.

5. Queensbury Drainage Improvements. The project area is south of Montgomery Cross Road and west of Ferguson Avenue (includes Tara Manor, Ennis Mobile Home Park-Elmhurst Court, and the Forest City Gun Club.) A project at Elmhurst Court that replaced an undersized pipe is substantially complete. Design work is underway to improve the conveyance system upstream of the replaced pipe. A project to improve drainage at the Forest City Gun Club has been approved. Construction is expected to start by August 2011.

6. Kings Way Canal. The Kings Way Canal extends from the Kingswood Subdivision to Whitefield Avenue (about 0.7 miles). The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization and culverts. Construction of drainage improvements along the perimeter of the subdivision is complete. The need for additional improvements is being investigated by staff.

7. Louis Mills/Redgate Canal. The Louis Mills and Redgate Canals are tributaries to the South Springfield Canal. Work to upgrade an additional culvert is underway. Construction of drainage improvements from the CSX railroad to a point upstream of Garrard is complete. A project to enable access for maintenance west of Veterans Parkway is under construction. A small project to improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance is underway in the area north and south of I-516.

8. Ogeechee Farms Area. The Ogeechee Farms project includes improvements to canals and culverts. Phase 1 was completed in July 2005 (piped in about 0.2 miles of channel south of Vidalia Road and replaced a road crossing at Waynesboro Road). Phase II was completed in June 2010 (replaced five undersized culverts south of and under Vidalia Road). Final design plans of improvements to replace

undersized culverts at Yemassee Road and Ridgeland Road are complete. Required permitting is underway.

9. Quacco Canal. The Quacco Canal extends from the little Ogeechee River to the Regency Mobile Home Park (about 4 miles). The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization, culverts, and providing access for maintenance. Construction of drainage improvements serving the Willow Lakes area and Regency Mobile Home Park area was completed in April 2011. Construction commenced to improve drainage in the area of the Laurel Oaks Subdivision in June 2011.

10. Laberta-Cresthill Area. The project will relieve flooding within the Cresthill Subdivision. An engineering firm evaluated the storm water drainage system and the outfall to Hayner's Creek. The Board approved a construction contract on April 29, 2011. Construction will begin in July 2011.

11. Norwood Drainage Outfalls. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance. The Board approved a construction contract on March 25, 2011 to improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance at Norwood Place. Construction commenced in June 2011. Temporary closure of Norwood is required. The road is expected to be reopened before the start of school next Fall. Design work is also underway for the outfall at Skidaway Road.

12. Henderson/Gateway. Drainage is provided by the Little Neck Canal and the Henderson Branch Canal (combined length 2 miles). Development of the subdivisions led to increased rates and volumes of storm water runoff which the canals cannot handle. A project to replace the golf cart culvert and culvert at Henderson Oaks Drive is complete. Staff is investigating further improvements to facilitate improved drainage from the Gateway area.

13. Shipyard-Beaulieu Area. The project will be accomplished in phases. The first phase to replace the storm drain pipe at Beaulieu Avenue was completed in January 2010. The second phase will replace three undersized storm drain pipes and reshape the existing ditch. Staff is in the process of acquiring required easements for access, construction, and maintenance.

14. Grange Road Canal. The project to relieve flooding extends from Pipemakers Canal to north of Grange Road (about 1.8 miles). The original concept identified the need for an outfall to the Savannah River within the unopened right of way of Grange Road. In 2007, the GPA requested that the right of way be abandoned for a container berth expansion. Staff is coordinating the County's needs for drainage improvements with GPA's needs to expand.

15. Skidaway Road. The project will improve roadside drainage and address vehicle safety issues along a portion of Skidaway Road near Wormsloe. Construction is expected to be complete by the end of July 2011. Staff will begin work to install the fence and landscaping materials called for by the intergovernmental agreement between the County and the State of Georgia.

16. LaRoche Culvert. The project includes the replacement of a drainage culvert located under LaRoche Avenue north of Lansing Avenue. The culvert replacement is in response to a deteriorating brick arch culvert with several cracks. Final design work and permitting is underway.

17. Lehigh-Shipyard Lane Area. The project will relieve roadside drainage issues causing nuisance flooding in the Lehigh Avenue and Shipyard Lane area. Staff is in the process of acquiring required right of way for construction and maintenance. Final design plans and required permitting are expected to be complete by August 2011.

18. Wahlstrom Road. The project will address drainage and maintenance access along the portion of Wahlstrom Road north of the railroad tracks. The drainage infrastructure in the area received infrequent maintenance in the past due to extensive industrial activities in the area and lack of access. Current work is directed toward identifying ownership and responsibility of existing infrastructure and locating existing drainage easements and rights of way.

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

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts: All

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Liakakis said, need a motion on the floor to go into executive session.

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

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Commissioner Gellatly said, motion.

Chairman Liakakis said, and appointments. Let's go on the board. Motion passes. Thank you, Barbara [Wright].

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

After motion by Commissioner Gellatly and a second by Commissioner Farrell to recess into Executive Session for personnel, litigation, and land acquisition matters, the Board recessed at 12:30 p.m. [NOTE: Commissioners Shay, Odell, and Kicklighter were not present for the vote.]

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Motion was made and seconded 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. The motion carried unanimously.

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APPOINTMENTS

1. **LIVE OAK REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Farrell moved to reappoint Dr. Allen Berger to serve on the Live Oak Regional Library Board with a term to expire June 30, 2013. Commissioner Shay seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- b. Commissioner Odell moved to reappoint Darlene Wilson to serve on the Live Oak Regional Library Board with a term to expire June 30, 2013. Commissioner Shay seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- c. Commissioner Shay moved to appoint J. Michael English to serve on the Live Oak Regional Library Board with a term to expire June 30, 2014. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- d. Commissioner Odell moved to appoint Katherine Oxnard to serve on the Live Oak Regional Library Board with a term to expire June 30, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

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2. **CHATHAM COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to appoint Arthur Dana to serve on the Chatham County Hospital Authority with a term to expire October 24, 2017. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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3. **TREE COMMISSION**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to reappoint Frank McIntosh to serve on the Tree Commission with a term to expire April 1, 2015. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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4. SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNCIL ON DISABILITY ISSUES

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to appoint Dan Sheehan to serve on the Savannah-Chatham Council on Disability Issues with a term to expire June 24, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:55 pm.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF JULY, 2011.

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

JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION