

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 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 9:35 a.m. on Friday, August 26, 2011.

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Liakakis said, Russ [Abolt].

County Manager Russ Abolt said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you ladies and gentlemen for the opportunity to pray with you. County Manager Abolt gave the Invocation.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Liakakis said, Helen [Stone] would you lead us in the pledge? Commissioner Stone led the Pledge of Allegiance to Flag of the United States of America.

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IV. ROLL CALL

Chairman Liakakis said, Janice, our county clerk, roll call, please.

The Clerk called the roll.

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

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

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. CERT WEBSITE/CERT PROGRAM (CLAYTON SCOTT).

Chairman Liakakis said, under item five we have the CERT web – website/CERT program. I call on our executive director for our Chatham Emergency Management Agency, Clayton Scott, to address this.

Mr. Clayton Scott, Director of Chatham Emergency Management Agency, said, good morning, Commissioners, thank you for the opportunity to address the Commission. I'd like to say that this – this site is not the CERT website, it's the CEMA website, and it's the CEMA social media that enable us to communicate with all your citizens, our citizens. I would love to take full credit for doing all this, however, I deserve absolutely none. What I deserve credit for is being smart enough to hire this brilliant young lady over here, who I'd like to introduce, is Kelly Foster, who is the public information officer for the CEMA staff and a CEMA action officer, and has set up all these public – public forums for us. Thank you.

Ms. Kelly Foster said, thank you. Good morning. Clayton [Scott] can take a little bit of credit for this. Some of his ideas helped me design and kind of revamp our website. We've always had a wonderful website. We've had a lot of information on our website, but sometimes it was hard to find all of that information. So one of the things that we really worked hard on, and if you – you guys can see I kind of have a little video walking you through our website. But we've really worked hard to organize our website. It is not just for residents. We encourage residents to go find as much information as they can on our website but it's also for businesses. It's for our emergency management partners. Some of the things that we offer to our residents on our website is evacuation information, and that cannot come at a better time than what we were seeing the past few days with Hurricane Irene. We have information on there regarding storm surge. We have information regarding our outdoor warning siren program. For businesses we have planning guides, downloadable planning guides for businesses. We also have forms for them to interact on our website and get the information directly on their computer. One of the things that we also do on our website is we have an active alert button in our top right-hand side of our screen, and that is where we've been posting all of our alerts regarding Hurricane Irene. We also have a – part of our site dedicated to our emergency operation center where we go and we explain the activation guidelines. We have just recently produced WebEOC training videos. WebEOC is the program that we use in our EOC when we have an – excuse me – an activation, and we have training videos that if people kind of need to brush up on how to work the WebEOC, they can do it right on our site. We have a new section where we post news releases that go out to the media. We want to have an open door with the public so they can see what we're pushing out to the media; videos, and I'll touch on that in just a minute, and then training. We have links to local training that we at CEMA offer, the State offers, federal offers, and then also online training courses.

Ms. Foster said, the one thing that we're really working hard on as well is creating videos. People are visual, especially the generation that we're dealing with now. And what you're about to see on our site right now, we're showcasing our CERT program. Our CERT program stands for Community Emergency Response Team. It is a free program to Chatham County residents. It's a 20-hour program, and we teach them how to be prepared. We teach them how to put out small fires. We teach them basic first aid, how to look out for signs of terrorism. So, what you're about to see is the final simulation. After their 20-hour classroom and hands-on training, we put them through a simulation, and this one you're about to see is a tornado simulation.

[NOTE: Video presentation was given.]

Ms. Foster said, after we posted that video on our website, we had three people within the two days sign up to join the CERT program. So it's the hope that getting people to actually see what it involves will get their interest peaked. While videos are good and we can promote fun things, our site is also there for a very important reason, and I got some statistics – or excuse me, not statistics but numbers for you guys. This is just for Hurricane Irene. You can see that the first 21 days of August we had an average of 280 hits to our site per day. Monday and Tuesday of this week we had – it spiked to over 3,000 hits. Folks coming to our site to get information. We have also worked very hard the past six months to create our Facebook site. That's where a lot of people are. You can see that within two days, again going back to Monday and Tuesday, we had 1,000 new page likes – new page likes on our Facebook page. And our Facebook page, what we use that for is to drive people back to our website, but it's also very good to promote discussion. And I don't know if you can read this one, but I – I put this question up here, we had a lady when we were posting information about Hurricane Irene, she asked – she said she was from Ohio and she needed public transportation, what should she do. So that's why a Facebook site is very good because we can actually communicate in real time with our citizens.

Ms. Foster said, we're also utilizing Twitter. It is a – again, a alert system that we use. We push out information dealing with emergency situations, also information about Hurricane Irene just recently, and we use our Twitter site, again, to push people back to our website because that's our ultimate goal, is to get people on our site. But the great thing about Twitter is while we have about 700 followers, all of those followers, they have the opportunity to resend out our message, and that gets a lot more eyes reading what our message is. Another thing that we've done, actually Pete Nichols and I have worked to create a Chatham County YouTube page. Like I said, people love videos, and if you're on the internet and Facebook, you see people posting videos almost daily. So Pete and I have worked really hard. The reason behind this is I think the statistic is about 30% of people have Smart Phones now, and that's expected to grow. And Smart Phones you can get email, you can get videos on them. So the goal behind our YouTube page was not only to showcase some of the things that we're doing in the county but in certain situations, we can get emergency information out. And we tested it during Hurricane – Hurricane Irene, and Clayton [Scott] was very gracious to lend his face. We posted a series of quick, just short video updates telling people about the storm and what they can expect here in Chatham County and how can they can prepare themselves. And I don't know if you can read it, but within 22 hours of posting the first video, we had over 400 views on that video. Today – I checked this morning – let me get the number right, I think it was 570 views on that one video. And I'm going to show you one of the videos that we posted to give you an idea. And all the videos that we post on YouTube, we also post them on our website and we post them on our Facebook page.

[NOTE: Video presentation was made].

Ms. Foster said, and the two great things about videos, one, they are very easy to produce. The – the CERT video that you saw, and then that video right there, that was shot with a small camera, about the size of my cell phone. It's a mini HD camera. And then the second thing is – is I believe that it provides a personal aspect to things. Folks can read all day long about what they should do, but when you actually see the director of CEMA up there talking to you, it just brings more realism to the situation. And so, the bottom line is I think that there are a number of ways that our residents can stay informed. And we've not given up on the – the face to face, the – the old fashioned phones, and, you know, I was at a neighborhood association meeting last night talking about the hurricane and hurricane preparedness. These are tools that are working, and what we are trying to do at CEMA is really adapt to the modern technology and try and reach everybody or as many people as we can throughout the county. Any questions? Yes?

Chairman Liakakis said, Pat [Shay]?

Commissioner Shay said, I – I don't personally have a Facebook page or I don't do Facebook for a number of reasons that are not about CEMA, and I don't have a Twitter thing that will notify me, but seeing what I just saw, I would like to be notified of where I need to go in order to see that as a County Commissioner when it is being posted because it's highly likely that people that I represent will see that, and I would like to be able to be at least as informed as the public is. Is there some way that you could send a – just a old fashioned email or – or whatever that says, hey, go to this link, and the latest update is – is up there? Because I just – my – my life is complicated enough that I just can't do Facebook and Twitter and all that kind of stuff. I have to like, you know, be a little more focused than that.

Ms. Foster said, and actually Clayton [Scott] and I were just talking about that this morning, coming up with some sort of group to put you guys on, and we can definitely send this out. I mean it – it is as easy as putting a link in an email and hitting send and sending it to all of you guys so you can see it, you know, before it hits real time. So, yeah, definitely, we can work something out for that.

Commissioner Shay said, and likewise, if a – a photocopy or whatever good old fashioned analog technology, we get courier-delivered mail every evening. Likewise, if it – you could just stick that in there so that just in case Wednesday for some reason my cell phone battery died, and I was out of cell phone range for a whole day, which was, I was out of pocket so I couldn't get my emails, it wouldn't hurt for that to also go out by, you know, snail mail or – or – or – or – or courier to us so that when we get that, and I know we're all religious about reading our – our mail every night, we would say, oh, okay, well I need to go and sign on and that way you can make sure that all of us have the same information that you're transmitting to the public so that we won't be behind the learning curve.

Ms. Foster said, whatever – whatever would work to make sure you guys got the information, definitely.

Chairman Liakakis said, Clayton [Scott], lets go one better than that, just have somebody down there, because it's important that all the County Commissioners know, because as Commissioner Shay was talking about it, that, you know, they might have constituents calling them or something, so have somebody on the phone in addition to whatever else you want to do. You know, whether you do the cell phones and – and send emails, whatever it might be, but lets have somebody down there. Because it shouldn't take, you know, a long period of time to inform the Commissioners, you know, about the status.

Mr. Scott said, yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Thank you very much, Kelly [Foster].

Commissioner Shay said, great looking site. Thank you. Congratulations.

Ms. Foster said, thank you very much.

Commissioner Stone said, it's very good.

Ms. Foster said, I appreciate y'all's time.

Mr. Scott said, see what I mean about the smart one.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, great job. Great job.

AGENDA ITEM: V-1
AGENDA DATE: August 26, 2011

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Clayton Scott, CEMA Director
ISSUE: Highlight CEMA Website/CERT Program

Over the past six months the CEMA staff has worked to reorganize and update our website to make it easier to navigate and find important information. The website contains a large amount of information including important documents for residents, businesses and governmental organizations. Because society is heading in a more mobile direction, improving our social media capabilities to alert the public has been a top priority. Through our website residents are able to sign up for free email and text alerts and they can also follow CEMA on Facebook and Twitter. Each application allows for instant communication to the public to warn of emergency situations. Facebook is often the principal way people get to our CEMA website as well.

Another goal over the past few months has been to update the CEMA website with videos. People are visual and having a video on the site can often catch their attention. Currently the CEMA homepage highlights a disaster simulation which was the final field examination of our latest Community Emergency Response Team training class. CEMA staff is also putting together a series of how-to videos to help walk people through the online documentation system used in our Emergency Operations Center activations.

CEMA is the only emergency management agency in Coastal Georgia that has a dedicated website. CEMA has noticed an upward trend in website traffic, which continues to increase every month. For example, in June 2011 there were 7,088 visits to our website; compared to only 4,322 visits in June 2010. Website traffic also increases in times of emergencies. When Hurricane Hanna threatened Chatham County in 2008, in one day alone there were 8,241 visits to the website and in August 2010, when Hurricane Earl threatened, the site averaged 750 daily visits.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

1. JOINT MEETING WITH SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL REGARDING UZO.

Chairman Liakakis said, under item six, the joint meeting with Savannah City Council regarding the UZO. As you know, that's the Unified Zoning Ordinance that has been prepared. I see Tom Thomson, executive director in our audience and the – the date that – that has been recommended that we have it on November the 10th or November the 15th so that we get together with the City and the County so that we can, you know, go through this because it's a very important piece of zoning information and it'll help us a lot between the City and the County and not have this antiquated situation that we've got. Patrick [Shay]?

Commissioner Shay said, I've had the opportunity to attend several of the briefings on the UZO, more than several, and I think the level of participation that they're getting from the MPC staff when they have their meetings and outreach, and they've done, I think, a pretty amazing job of trying to reach out to the public and keep people informed, but the level of participation they're having is very, very low. And, I don't mean to be an alarmist, but I think people should take the time to find out what the rules are now for their property or properties, and what the rules are going to be if the UZO is adopted. And so one of the tools that they showed me, which I think is pretty amazing, is they have a – a site that they call uzoom, which is U-Z-O-O-M, I believe that's dot org, but if you use your search engine to go to uzoom, U-Z-O-O-M, then you have the ability to find your address or anybody else's address for that matter, and click it and enter it, and it will show you then the comparison of sort of before and after. And I think most people that take time to do that are going to be relieved to find out that there's really no substantive difference between what their current zoning is and what their proposed zoning is. But I would encourage anybody that might be listening to this to take the time to go to uzoom and click on that and see what the differences are, and if you have questions to get in touch with the people at the MPC. They're – they're trying very hard to reach out to the public right now and make sure that people's questions are answered, and so I know they are literally sitting by the phones as we speak waiting unfortunately like Maytag repairmen, the phone that doesn't seem to be ringing much. But I suspect that between now and the adoption there will be lots and lots of interest.

Chairman Liakakis said, Helen [Stone]?

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I – I would concur with what Commissioner say – Shay just said, and I want to thank the MPC staff. This has been a long process, a much needed process that I remember from my days on the MPC; played a roll in this. So I concur that we do need to make sure that members of the public understand that this is their opportunity to view the information, to give input before it is finally voted on and accepted, and I don't want everybody to wait until the 11th hour and come forward with questions and concerns so that we can get this passed so that it can be utilized because this is something that will make the whole zoning process much more user friendly to members of the public. So, I would like to thank the MPC and the staff for what they've done to bring us to this point because it – from – from my days there, this is something that was long over due. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Liakakis said, Russ [Abolt]?

County Manager Abolt said, thank – thank you, Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen. The reason the Chairman put this on the agenda is Tom [Thomson] is asking for help. He has in an email, which is attached, suggested the possibility of two choices of dates to gather with the Savannah City Council to go over this, one would be I believe it's a Thursday, the 10th of November and then the other is the 15th of November. So at some point in the near future, through the Chairman's office, we would need some sensing as to what would be the most advantageous time for you to gather with the Savannah City Council.

Chairman Liakakis said, well, what I'm going to do is I'll have our staff to call all of the – and see which is better for the Commissioners, is it the 10th or the 15th, and, of course, we'll have to get with the City, and I'll ask them to do the same thing so that we can get a majority vote on one of those two particular dates, Tom [Thomson].

Tom Thomson, executive director of the Metropolitan Planning Commission, said, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Abolt, for bringing this forward. Just a quick note on that, I sent the same request to City Manager, Rochelle Small-Toney. I have not heard back from her, but this is a good starting point if we can find out what the Commission's preferred date is, we can communicate that to them. Also, thank you to Commissioner Shay and Commissioner Helen Stone for their advertisement for – they made the absolute correct point. I want to tell you that we have another round of some public – or some newspaper ads and hopefully generate a few articles coming up in early September to get people aware of this. I – I starred with Brett Bell in Savannah Today, that is a 30-minute thing. It's funny to see yourself talk. Clayton [Scott] was here earlier to see him doing the same thing. But, it's pretty effective program to give people an over – a general overview of what we're doing. Couple of other ways that people can – if you don't mind me advertising a bit since this will be broadcast, we have a hotline, 651-1499, and staff monitors that continually to get back to people or

phone calls ring to specific phones. We have a – where you can drop in any time in our business hours, 8:30 to 5:00 and – and we’ll sit down with you and go over whatever questions you have or help you use the uzoom tool as we call it. And we have open houses on Monday nights from 5:30 – from 5:00 o’clock to 6:30, where staff is staying late to accommodate people that might have working hour issues. We also accommodate any group that wants to have a presentation. We got a pretty large number of them scheduled in September right now, and the place to go to get information is the unifiedzoning.org in which there’s a button to reach that uzoom tool, which is a great tool. So thank you for a – a moment to – to advertise all that.

Mr. Thomson said, the purpose of the joint meeting will either be to have the Planning Commission present its recommend – it’s recommendation to you, if we get that far by then, or an opportunity for joint group to hear public speak about the draft at that point. We’re hoping we’ll have a recommendation from the Planning Commission, but there’s a lot of work to be done.

Commissioner Stone said, good job.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Thank you, Tom [Thomson].

Commissioner Thomas said, good job.

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RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, I see in the audience, too, that we’ve got the number one Sheriff in the U.S.A., Sheriff Al St. Lawrence. Glad to have you hear, Sheriff.

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

1. LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN JAIL CONSTRUCTION (COMMISSIONER FARRELL).

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, next item, under Commissioners’ Items, local participation in jail construction, and Commissioner Farrell wanted to find out about that local participation, so, Patrick [Farrell]?

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah, I just put this on the agenda today to – to – to see about getting the first public report on how the jail expansion project is coming along in regards to public participation. So, I believe that our County Manager is – is ready to re – share with us the – the current status of public participation as we know it.

County Manager Abolt said, thank you, Commissioner Farrell. I appreciate the interest of all of you and also the opportunity afforded by Commissioner Farrell to actually put this on the agenda. In my cover memorandum to you, I – not cautioned, but I – I just identified where we are. This – this is a learning process from the standpoint of how you would like to see this information in the months and a year or two ahead. We have come up with a format, and I appreciate very much the leadership of Mr. Kaigler, Ms. Arneja Riley, the Sheriff, and others, plus we have a representative from Hunt/Mills with you today. I’ll have Arneja [Riley] come forward and in effect, not read for you, we would never do that, but just go over what we have at this initial offering, which is a way of capturing data, trying to show where we are in a very early process as to local participation. But with the pleading that if we can do better for you in presenting the information, we’re not talking about the goals or – or the objective, we’re talking about how we present the information, we will do that gladly. Arneja [Riley]?

Arneja Riley, M/WBE Coordinator, said, good morning.

Chairman Liakakis said, go ahead. Janice [Bocook] – give her your name –

County Manager Abolt said, Arneja Riley.

Chairman Liakakis said, – for the record.

Ms. Riley said, it’s Arneja Riley. Do you need the spelling?

Clerk said, no, ma’am. I have it.

Ms. Riley said, you’re good?

Clerk said, yes, ma’am.

Ms. Riley said, okay. All right. Good morning everyone, my name is Arneja Riley, and I am your M/WBE Coordinator. I have been working with Hunt/Mills for the past six months. We’ve broken ground on the project and it’s moving along progressively as far as the local participation. And we are happy to report that Hunt/Mills was able to meet their goal

of 66% participation as far as soliciting our local contractors. Today we wanted to discuss with you the formatting of the report to see if it was up to your satisfactory [sic]. We have illustrated the allocation with regards to small businesses, minority businesses, women businesses, and large businesses, as well. And this is all related to the local participation, and you can see that the initial commitment was around 10% for the small businesses in this area; 12% for minority businesses, and 17% for women-owned businesses, and then 25 going to the larger businesses. But then we bring you up to date on the – on Section 3, with the project – projected participation update. And you will see there are three columns there. It shows the commitment in the beginning back in December. This is what Hunt has committed to as far as their contractual obligations, and that was 66%. Then as of July, they have provided us with an update on that projected participation and now we're at about 72% of total dollars being awarded here in Chatham County to local businesses. So just so you'll have an idea of the trades that are going to be performed by our local – our local contractors, we've given you a list of trades in Section 4, and I'll go over them briefly. Our local guys are going to do some of the hauling, the concrete, the electrical work, HVAC, some rebar installation, some fencing, masonry, and site work, and – and they're also going to be suppliers coming from Chatham County. And then there's the local labor participation. Hunt also committed to hiring folks in this area – in the Chatham County area, and we've been monitoring that process. The goals are useless if we do not monitor. So as you can see that about 45% of the labor is – they are based out of Chatham County. They are Chatham County residents, and we've also monitored the immediate area which is considered the MSA, and that will include Bryan and Effingham counties. So, if you have any questions with regards to the format of the report or if you want to see more information – you have a question for us?

Commissioner Odell said, I do.

Chairman Liakakis said, go ahead Harris [Odell].

Ms. Riley said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Odell said, local trade, you list the things that our people will be doing, starting with hauling, the concrete slabs, all the way through heating and air conditioning. On the other side of that, I'd like to know what things that are not being done by our people. I mean my reading is about 28% will be done outside. What – what is that 28%?

Ms. Riley said, I'm sorry, you're saying what is the 28%?

Commissioner Odell said, no, no. Let me rephrase the question. You list the things our people will be doing.

Ms. Riley said, yes.

Commissioner Odell said, that – that's not everything to be done.

Ms. Riley said, yes.

Commissioner Odell said, the – on the side of the –

Ms. Riley said, okay, so you want to –

Commissioner Odell said, let me finish. On the side of the – other side of the equation, what kinds of things will be done by people outside of the area? If we could have a listing of that?

Ms. Riley said, absolutely. We'll let you know the – because you want – want us to paint that total picture for you.

Commissioner Odell said, yeah –

Ms. Riley said, okay.

Commissioner Odell said, – because right now we get a portion of it and 42% of the people working on the projects are Chatham County?

Ms. Riley said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Odell said, okay.

Chairman Liakakis said, well, it's important. I know, you know, we have jobs and we have people in the other counties, you know, that have those jobs, but what we want to do on the local basis get as many people, on the local basis to do these jobs as opposed to getting somebody out, you know, in some other area because these are the people in our particular area that pay the taxes, that work here and all, and we should do whatever we can to make sure that we've got local people – local contractors involved in this, and why we going to other counties to get that? And has the – the effort been made to find out why that has occurred?

Ms. Riley said, yes, there is an explanation for that. Some of our Chatham County companies, they employ folks from Bryan County and Effingham County. So when they – when they won this job, they brought those folks onto the job. So they're counted in the participation – there's a 67% if you count those folks who are Chatham, Bryan and Effingham counties, and that's solely how – the purpose of why there is participation from Effingham and Chat – and Bryan County as well, because some of our local companies, some of their folks don't live in Chatham County.

Chairman Liakakis said, well, here's what I –

Ms. Riley said, if that makes sense.

Chairman Liakakis said, – here's what I'd like to have. I'd like to have right now – hold on just a minute –

Ms. Riley said, yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, I – what I'd like to have is those companies that are in those other counties, how many of those local residents that are, you know, are those residents that are working, you know, for those out of town companies, because I – I don't want some entangled thing. This Commission, we've been under a lot of pressure. We want to be fair to all the citizens in Chatham County and do the right thing, and Hunt/Mills is a very good company and all, but we need to know about how – what is the best thing that can happen for our people here because we need a lot more of our local people to be hired for this – especially this huge \$100 million project – on that. And it was Dave [Gellatly] and then I'll go with anybody else. Dave [Gellatly]?

Commissioner Gellatly said, okay. You – you know, first of all, I – I – I may not understand this, but we're – we're talking about 66% participation and then I hear 45% of the actual employees are from Chatham County. I find that disturbing. I think that it's nice that we include people from Effingham County and other immediate surrounding counties, but they're not tax payers in Chatham County.

Ms. Riley said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Gellatly said, and I – I – I think that we need some clarification on this. Also, when we say the percentage of people that are employed that are from Chatham County, I would like to know what their skill level is. You know, what – what – what skill level, if we're having highly skilled construction people. I wouldn't want to think that the lowest skill levels are from Chatham County and they have to go out of state to find highly skilled people, because I truly believe we have the skill levels necessary for anything that's going on at that jail right here in Chatham County, and that's where they ought to be looking first.

Ms. Riley said, okay.

Commissioner Gellatly said, I also want to know how many people that are working on that project out there, how many of them are actually from out of state and what is their skill level? And – and I – I think that – that – to – to a degree, and I don't mean to be critical, but when you say 66% and then right around – turn around and say 45%, that's – there's something wrong with that. It sounds like we got a lot of smoke and mirrors here, and I would like to have some exact, specific, scientific, mathematically correct statistics that – that are meaningful that this Commission can use. Thank you.

Ms. Riley said, okay.

Chairman Liakakis said, Priscilla [Thomas]?

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you. I just wanted to have the opportunity of – thank you. I just wanted to have the opportunity of piggy backing on what my fellow Commissioner has just said. That is very, very critical. We have been talking about utilizing local people and having local participation for a couple of years, maybe longer than that, and we take this very seriously. And we're hoping that the companies who are awarded these contracts that you will take it very seriously as well because I for one am going to stay on it until we get it right. And I'm not saying it's totally wrong, but I agree with the fact that we have people here that are paying taxes and we get it as County Commissioners, every time I go out in the streets and the grocery stores, I mean, go to meetings, you know. These are questions that are, you know, asked of me. What's going on? And so we want to make sure that the people that live here, pay taxes here, are given a fair share of the work that's being done here. Thank you.

Ms. Riley said, thank you. Which is why I'd like to mention at this time that we have scheduled a second job fair, and the job fair will take place on Tuesday, September 27th at the Bull Street Library. It is pretty easy to get to, and we're looking for skilled labor in particular. But we're also accepting applications from unskilled workers as – as well. Hunt/Mills will sponsor the – the job fair, and they will bring the – the relevant subs with them at that time who are soliciting skilled workers.

Commissioner Thomas said, what time did you say?

Ms. Riley said, it's from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, well, local contractors, you know, have put pressure on, I think every – all nine members of us to make sure that we have them participating. We've got a \$100 million dollar project, and as – we don't want any if, ands and buts about it because if you look at the letters that I've gotten, whatever other people have and the phone calls that I have gotten, and we want to do the right thing in this community. Now here's where it's going. It's going to Pat Farrell, Helen Stone, and Dean Kicklighter.

Commissioner Farrell said, I want to thank the staff for – for putting together this information for us on our first initial public sharing of this information. One suggestion that – that I'd like to add is that when we break down under – under a review of local labor, number 6, when we break down the counties and the region and outside the region, instead of having – in addition to having the count and the percentage, I believe we – we have an opportunity with the – with the identification cards and high speed computers to come up with the number of hours worked per month per county. So

in other words, if we got 79 people, and they're all working 50 hours a week, that's going to be a pretty high number. If we had 79 people from Chatham County and they're averaging eight hours a week, that's going to be kind of a low number, and that would just help us get a better picture of how well utilized our work force is. In my opinion, whether you're an unskilled laborer making \$10 or less an hour, that – that full 40 to 50 hours a week is very important to you and your family, and – and, of course, if – if we can get the higher skilled laborers to also be getting a – a – a full work – week's worth of work every week and – that's important to – to their families too. So no matter what pay scale you're on, I think it's an important – it's important that we're putting in a lot of man hours from our local residents and – and that'd be a good way to track it. And if we had this stuff on a – this information on a monthly basis then, you know, we – we as the Commissioners and all the citizens that are paying the bill for this through their SPLOST tax dollars, they can have a – an accounting and a transparency and keep up with how it's being spent.

Chairman Liakakis said, Helen [Stone]?

Ms. Riley said, thank you for that. May I respond or should I hold?

Chairman Liakakis said, no. Go ahead.

Ms. Riley said, okay. I just wanted to make you aware that with our monthly participation reports, Hunt is having all of their subcontractor report those hours, so we have a system to track it through the ID system, but we also wanted the subcontractors to be conscious and aware of the hours that are going to our local workers. So we have that information, and we can include it in the updated report.

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah, it – it's – that would be great to be able to cross-reference the two numbers, that they're coming out very similar and report that to – to us and to – to the whole community that's picking up the tab for this construction project.

Ms. Riley said, yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, Helen [Stone]?

Commissioner Stone said, thank you. I would concur with what's been said up here so far, but more concerning to this 45.4% is – is really the question why? And I – obviously you all are more in tuned to that than I am, but it is local dollars that are being spent on this local jail. And have we reached out in any way, shape or form to the technical college here? Are we pulling from there? I mean I – these are questions that I would be asking because I want to make sure that as much money stay here among the citizens of this community, and I – I will beg the question again, 45.4% why?

Ms. Riley said, okay, to answer your question about the – reaching out to the technical schools, we have actually participated in a resource fair with the Georgia Department of Labor at that particular location on White Bluff. So Hunt/Mills accompanied me to that event, so we have reached out to them somewhat. I think that we could do more, and – and I agree, and I tried to explain the – the 45% earlier, that we're still working on that. And it's still pretty early in the project. We're in month four of 32 so – and I think we have about 174 active workers, but we've badged much more than that, so we expect to see more workers coming on line as the project continues to progress, and we're going to make sure that we emphasize the – the local is Chatham County.

Commissioner Stone said, well, I just think we can do better.

Ms. Riley said, absolutely.

Chairman Liakakis said, Dean [Kicklighter]?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you very much.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so, basically then the 66% participation is just the – actually what's owned – the local-owned businesses, right?

Ms. Riley said, right. That's for business participation.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay, and the 45 – or the 45.4% is the actual employees. So the number there 79 of 174 are Chatham County residents. That is actually a low number and – and I think it's great that we have local business participation at 66 and the goal is 72, but that very easily can just benefit one person. Joe Blow can open a business here and employ people from all over, and, you know, it kind of defeats the – the purpose of what – defeats our intentions. And, is there any way that you can mandate a specific number of employees for a local business?

Chairman Liakakis said, Jon [Hart]?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah, that's a question for the attorney.

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, well I mean we could redefine it, but we entered into an agreement and a contract based on what we told them that we wanted in the way of participation. And – and one other thing that you've got to remember is these participation numbers are going to vary a little bit, and by that I mean it's going to probably depend on what phase of the construction you are in, okay? Sometimes there's going to be more local participation

in one particular phase of construction and then in another phase of construction there may be a lesser number depending on the skill sets needed for a particular thing.

Commissioner Stone said, that's true.

County Attorney Hart said, I mean when we get into fire suppression and security issues, for example, we're going to have to go out of the county to get that kind of information. And some of the materials that are being supplied to – to the site are prepared off-site, you know, such as pre-cast construction for the cells, and that's done simply because it's very, very cost effective that way. I think that Hunt/Mills has been very cooperative and willing to do anything that we – we suggest within the world of reasonableness to try to assist in this, and I think we'll stay after it and try to continue to improve on the numbers.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, what – what is that number if you actually included Effingham and – is it Bryan County?

Ms. Riley said, yes –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, what –

Ms. Riley said, it's about 67%.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, 67%?

Ms. Riley said, mm-mmm.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so, roughly what's that out of 174 employees?

Ms. Riley said, 117.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, 117 out of 174?

Ms. Riley said, mm-mmm.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so basically what we're doing then is just asking – because the agreement's already in place, we're asking to improve on it if possible?

County Attorney Hart said, yeah. I think we'll – we'll get a pretty good response on – on a lot of this, but, you know, there's some things out there that are just specialty items.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah.

County Attorney Hart said, you start talking about a kitchen of the size you're talking about there, you – you've got to go where somebody knows how to make a kitchen that size.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right.

County Attorney Hart said, and – and that's just the math.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, but we can strongly encourage them to – when hiring a local subcontractor –

County Attorney Hart said, sure.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, to – encourage them to really take a good look at the number of local employees and I can't call on Russ [Abolt], but Russ [Abolt], I guess wants to –

County Manager Abolt said, I – I just ask you and I know you will to continue this, you're – you're communicating values. It's very, very important for you to know as the customer to be satisfied, there's certain things you expect. I'll underscore what – what the attorney has said, that Hunt/Mills are really – they – they got the message. You know, the general contractor knows, and – and the numbers on local participation as far as businesses know, now the message must go out to local businesses as to who they choose to hire.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right. And that's what I think we need to strongly encourage –

County Manager Abolt said, and that – that – that – and I'm – and I'm – I'm very emphatic about it. The fact that you will give us time on your agenda at a public meeting to say what you're saying now is vital. We do not want the – the – lose our focus on the ball. We want to make sure that there – there's political perception and understanding and direction and not wait till the ribbon cutting to say, well, how much did we do? You're – you're telling people as frequently as every month or two, it's good, it's bad, and let's do better.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, Harris [Odell] and then Dave [Gellatly].

Commissioner Odell said, Ms. Riley, thank you. I don't want you to take this as a criticism of you. It – it is not. We appreciate your skills and expertise, and we're grateful for what you are doing. Our biggest push is that this is a

Chatham County jail. It is not a Liberty County jail, it is not a Effingham County jail. Those people take a lot of pride, rightly they should, that they don't live in Chatham County. They don't pay taxes in Chatham County. They criticize our schools. These should be Chatham County's jobs. And I'm not familiar with Hunt/Mills, and it's really not necessary. What it is necessary is that the intent of this Commission was that a substantial number of the jobs would be here in Chatham County. Not just a company. As an attorney, I incorporate companies. I can incorporate a company anywhere you want to be. I can incorporate a company to be a Bryan County company, and we have a post office box there and hire everybody from Atlanta. I – I want to get the message, we wanted this \$100 million which ultimately it's going to be to translate to jobs to our citizens, that it just can't be a place that we house our citizens, our citizens are ultimately going to be the ones paying for it.

Ms. Riley said, mm-mmm.

Commissioner Odell said, and – and – and times are relatively tight. My concern, not that I'm unconcerned about Bryan County or Bulloch County but I live in Chatham County and this is a Chatham County jail, and that is the emphasis, and I think there's total agreement on this Commission that if you look hard enough there's some easy answers. But when you've got this kind of money, I believe that we have a lot of skill sets here that perhaps are not being tapped. Chatham County is not as bare as people would have you to believe. This is a destination city. We have a lot of people with incredible skills, but we have to make a diligent effort to look for them.

Ms. Riley said, okay.

Commissioner Odell said, this is the biggest project in the next ten years cash wise. It should benefit our people. Our people are not non-tax payers. Our people are tax payers of this county. But we thank you and, you know, nothing is a criticism of you. You – but you are our agent, and that's the message, and we appreciate it. I'd like to see us do this at least every two months, if that's not a problem so that we can monitor it. So that it will be cumulative. So that we don't get down the road six months from now and we've done this and the numbers come back, and we said, oh no, that wasn't enough. So that we can look at it and re-enforce to the representative of Hunt/Mills. This is a Chatham County jail, it – it is not a image of a Chatham County jail. This is our jail. It benefits our people. Cash wise.

Chairman Liakakis said, Dean [Kicklighter]. Dave [Gellatly] and then Dean [Kicklighter].

Commissioner Gellatly said, thank you. I have to tell you that – that I – I am very, very concerned about this 66%, and it's probably my fault for not asking hard questions from the very beginning. But 45% local employees, local being Chatham County and not the adjoining counties. That means that 55% of that work force is not from Chatham County, and I – I would rather suspect if you do some exact statistics, you're going to find that not only that but the 45% when it comes to take home pay is going to be on the low end of that – of – of those people that are working out there. I kind of suspect that, okay? And I think that you're going to find the 55% that do not live in Chatham County are probably drawing bigger paychecks. I think you're going to find that. And I'm very disturbed about that. And let me tell you something else there, considering local contractors, and – and I – I – I base this on having a wife that worked 35 years in construction and we know how all the – the games are played. What happens, and I'm not accusing Hunt of this, but what – what happens, you have a general contractor, they have a friend from New York or someone that's a brick mason, they go ahead and tell the local contractor to hire that brick mason, and all of the sudden, it's counted as a local – a local hire. It's part of the local work force. And – and I'm just afraid here that we have not done due diligence in some respects that we should have nailed down every possible aspect of this. It was my intention as a County Commissioner that – that 66% means that 66 people out of 100 would be citizens of Chatham County, and I – I probably should have asked the other questions too there. I'd like to know what the pay level is too, you know, if we're dealing with a – and – and – and I – and I do this based on – on listening to a wife for many years that had frustrations, including when she built the – the – when they built the new schools in Savannah and the new additions to the malls and what have you, that these are games that are – that are played in real life, and I – I think that we – I – I think that Chatham County got shafted on this, I really do.

Ms. Riley said, I – I keep hearing the reference to the 66% versus the 45, but the 66 is the projected, that isn't who's out on the job today. So, to compare that to who's working today, that is an – that is a unequal comparison.

Commissioner Gellatly said, could you say that again because maybe I'm just thick-headed.

County Manager Abolt said, okay. If I may, please?

Chairman Liakakis said, go ahead, Russ [Abolt].

County Manager Abolt said, because I don't want the news media to misunderstand. The issue here is local businesses, and I think the discussion is going back and forth between businesses and employees of that business. If – if you look at the page, which is Section number 3, projected participation, the – the watch word, which we did extremely due diligence on and remember we got affidavits and verifications from Hunt/Mills that they would perform. If you look at it, yes, 66% was there at a – December, but right now the projected is 72% and that's local businesses. The – the issue we have here is not that in my interpretation. The issue is where we are in the project and then who those local businesses that are currently working are hiring. But – but I don't want you for the sake of evaluating the performance of Hunt/Mills and staff to get confused easily between workers and business owners and the – the – the – obviously the forecast on the business owners is extremely bullish, and I want you to appreciate that. I know you will appreciate that.

Commissioner Gellatly said, I'm – I'm not through yet. Okay. Again I still have the same problem. You know, in other words, in theory, we could have ten local contractors involved, and they could hire 100% of their labor force from out of state and it would be counted then as a – as a –

County Attorney Hart said, the – the – the problem with that in the example given is we've got a card system that identifies those workers and where they live?

Commissioner Gellatly said, and where they live? And we're counting that?

Ms. Riley said, right.

County Attorney Hart said, and – and when they go to check in, they got a – they got a badge that they got to –

Commissioner Gellatly said, and they're – they're – they're being counted where they live and not the contractor they work for?

Ms. Riley said, correct.

County Attorney Hart said, yeah, whether they're local or not.

Commissioner Gellatly said, okay, that – that clears up a lot.

County Attorney Hart said, it's a long commute from New York.

Commissioner Farrell said, it – it –

Commissioner Gellatly said, still not – still not happy, but clears a lot of it up.

Ms. Riley said, right.

Chairman Liakakis said, I'll come to you in a minute.

Commissioner Farrell said, well that's what I wanted to talk about.

Chairman Liakakis said, no I'll – I'll get with you 'cause it's Dean's [Kicklighter] – wait a minute it's Dean [Kicklighter] and then you, Pat [Farrell].

County Attorney Hart said, that was Commissioner Farrell's idea, I believe.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. Just curious if the local owners are actually consulting with our local unions about hiring local?

Ms. Riley said, we – we actually went through an exercise back in December where we – we opened the opportunity for the unions or any local businesses to sit down and discuss the participation, but we didn't go so far as to see which of the local unions are working with the detention center projects, we were more looking at the individuals. But we can go back and check our records to see if any of the – the unions is actually supplying workers. We've been working more closely with CAP and the – and there is a couple of labor – labor sources that we're using, Trojan Labor and another local agency.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I – I personally think that would be a great move to sit down with some of our local unions and just see what they feel like they may have to offer, and I think as far as the local-owned businesses, when the old excuse comes up that we don't have labor, I – I – I would encourage y'all to take a look at the – coordinate with our local Construction Apprentice Program. I think we have several graduates who are unemployed that's well trained for construction so –

County Manager Abolt said, that – that's who she referred to. CAP, Construction Apprentice Program.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Good. So you are consulting with them –

Ms. Riley said, yes.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, – and bringing them in?

Ms. Riley said, as a matter of fact earlier this week at a subcontractor meeting, I ran into a subcontractor who's looking for – I – I shouldn't advertise this, but he's looking for 20 workers, so we're – we're starting with our CAP folks, first.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, well, and – and I think that, you know, that's great to start with – I think they need to definitely be included, but I definitely believe not to just include and exclude at the same time.

Ms. Riley said, absolutely.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'd like to see you sit down, talk with the locals, see what they have to offer.

Ms. Riley said, mm-mmm.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and, look here, I'm not – I'm – I'm one for local people working not at the complete expense of all the tax payers here, too. So unions have to be competitive. I'm not saying write a, you know, multi-million dollar check over and above anything, but sit down and just talk with them, see what they have to offer too, and

who knows, it – it, you know, we may get a lot more local participation, and they may – may be right on with everything, pricing and everything. So, I'd just really like to see y'all sit and talk and see what they have to offer.

Ms. Riley said, okay. Absolutely.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, Pat [Farrell]?

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah, I would – I just wanted to follow up with what Commissioner Gellatly was speaking about, and that's why I had asked earlier today for the hours worked by citizens regardless of who's cutting their checks or how much their check is, and that would give us another parameter to go by to gauge truly local participation. Because the number of hours you're on the job, again, whether you're making, you know, unskilled wages or highly skilled wages, it's important to that person that they're making all the money that they're capable of making with their skill level, and that they're getting the number of hours on a consistent basis. And I believe this will help paint a picture of what's happening on the ground and it will cut through the scenario – the possible scenario that Commissioner Gellatly mentioned of a local contractor, which we all know and recognize, and then he flushes out his – his operation with folks from – from different areas. This will cut through all that. The Sheriff and staff has – has been working on this for – for well over a year coming up with the Chatham Identification Card that actually tracks the time you walk through the gate – security gate to go to work. And when you come out of that gate, you're scanned, you know, your card – your ID card is scanned again. And with high speed computers all that data can be crunched and delivered on a month-to-month basis so that we can see. And – and we know that there's going to be some fluctuation, some months are going to be better than others because of the thing – because of what – what part of the construction they're doing that month, but when these numbers are presented, that information can also be shared with the Commissioners and the rest of the community. Thank you.

[NOTE: Cell phone rings].

Commissioner Gellatly said, who is that? Whoa.

Chairman Liakakis said, that's me with a new one, and they – they just put it together for me yesterday, and they forgot to put it on vibrate like all of the others I had.

Commissioner Odell said, but you've got good music.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Go ahead Pat [Farrell].

Commissioner Farrell said, I – I listened to Coach Monken speak yesterday and when his players' phones goes off he confiscates it for a couple of days for Georgia Southern.

Chairman Liakakis said, well I'll confiscate it.

Commissioner Farrell said, you want to hand that one over?

Chairman Liakakis said, no, I do the confiscations. Okay. All right, Pat [Farrell], one thing that's very important too, it was mentioned by Commissioner Odell about skills and organized labor, you know, they have classes all the time, and they give, you know, they have many skilled workers and all, but the thing about it is, we're not – this Commission really appreciates what you're doing because you, you know, you're looking into this, you're bringing in information, but there are some concerns about local participation, local contractors and all of that, and just we want to look at it, and we want to make sure it's done properly. And we know that – that when you get with Hunt/Mills and – and the others, and we know from their reputation and all, Hunt/Mills is a good company and all. But we just are looking to make sure that – that we made a promise to the citizens of Chatham County that we wanted to get as many local contractors, you know, people in our community to work on this particular project, because they paid a huge amount of money, and that money has been collected, and we've got it in the bank, and when the bills come in, the county pays for it. Our County Manager makes sure of that. But that's the situation that we've got now. But anyway, thank you very much for what you're doing. And now I see the Sheriff, has patiently waited out there. Want to have him speak. Come up – come up to the mike.

Al St. Lawrence, Chatham County Sheriff, I just want to make a comment not to do with the local participation just to kind of give you an update on what's going on. We couldn't be more pleased with the way the job is going. They're working six days a week. I mean there's a lot of site preparation going on, video visitation, building blocks are already up. They're not going to be there 915 days like that contract called for. They are really working and working six days a week. We couldn't be more pleased. And a tribute to y'all having our own engineer, our own construction manager, and transition team on site every day, 'cause everything is being inspected and looked at like it should be. Much better than what they had in '91 and '92 when they had a construction management firm that the county hired that we found some things that weren't done that were should be done that – as a result of this construction project going on. I think we've got the best of both worlds right now, and they're really working, so we're real pleased with that.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Commissioner Odell said, and we've got signs up that said this is a program of the Chatham County Commission with all of our pictures?

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, yes, sir, you do.

Commissioner Odell said, the only reason why I said that is the City of Savannah if a horse falls down, they put their picture up saying, City of Savannah Aldermen –

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, there's construction going on all over there on the east side, the west side of the building, they've already poured the foundation for the new medical unit. They are really working out there.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah, 'cause we want all the prisoners to know what each one of us look like, you know.

Commissioner Odell said, I represent a lot of them.

Chairman Liakakis said, well, I can say this about that though, about the signs and the pictures of this Commission, I directed the County Manager when we have any project that the county's doing to put the sign up and saying this is a result of the Chatham County Commission with all of your pictures on it. And I started that a while back 'cause I want everybody to know that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, just for the record, if y'all leave my picture off any jail facility thing –

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, we'll your pictures on there. I mean –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, – I'm fine.

Commissioner Shay said, all right.

Sheriff St. Lawrence said, but anyway, thank y'all very much. I just wanted you to know how I felt things were going, and I meet with the transition team, the engineer and the construction manager every Monday morning, and they – they kind of let us know what they're anticipating. For instance, on the east side of the building, that parking lot's completely closed off because of the expansion of the enforcement bureau and the medical center and – and where the tower is going, and we're just having a time. We're being inconvenienced a great deal, but it's all going to be worth it when it's – when it's finished.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

County Manager Abolt said, if I may – if I may, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah.

County Manager Abolt said, I want to publicly recognize the Sheriff, the fact that – that he's spending so much of his time on this. That – that could go the other way. He could look at the opportunity to say well he didn't take responsibility. The man has taken responsibility for the project, and he – he shows us each week that he spends his time to ask questions and to make sure it's moving along, and I appreciate that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, I want to say one other thing. I want to just echo or go a little bit off of what I believe Commissioner Gellatly said to y'all. I mean I think this is what I got is I don't think anybody's stating that you haven't done a good job.

Commissioner Thomas said, right. It's not you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, you've upheld the policies we've set. I think the point is just asking you now that we're rolling along to tweak it and enhance it more.

Commissioner Thomas said, that's it.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, but – but nothing against what's been done so far. You've – you've upheld what we had but now that we see it, we're asking you to take it a step further. So, thank you.

Ms. Riley said, okay. And what you've asked for is reasonable, and we are capable, so we will take care of it with our next update.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Ms. Riley said, and I also wanted to give a representative from Hunt an opportunity to address you today, so I'm going to ask Mr. Michael Savidakis to come up – come forward.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Mr. Michael Savidakis, construction manager from Hunt/Mills said, thanks Arneja [Riley]. Members of the – the Board, Mr. Chairman. I – I hear all your comments. We take it very – very seriously. You know, we strongly believe in the local participation. It – it's not just a commitment for us, we're going to exceed that. And I think we've already showed that in the early months of the project. Your – your input in – in how the reports and the information is something that we will continue to work together with Arneja Riley, Michael Kaigler, and the rest of the team. Being happy right now is only the start of it. We see as the construction continues to progress there's a lot more opportunities for the local participation. This will be another one of – of several job fairs that we'll continue to have to bring in that local

participation. All of the subcontractors understand that this is a serious commitment and a requirement of this project. We – we look for them to participate in it. We're going to aggressively continue to enforce it at all levels, not just at the subcontractor level, but the subcontract – subs tier and the vendor levels too. We're – we're confident that we're going to deliver to your expectations and what we've committed to this project. So there's still a lot – a lot of work to be done. Your – your input's very valuable on – on how we look at the information, but the bottom line is – is continuing to – to use the local tax payers here with Chatham County and – and participate in this very, very important project. We're taking this very seriously as we do with every project in every city that we – that we work on. So we appreciate your time and – and – and your support and dedication to – to – and commitment to us too. We are committed to Chatham County to make this project –

Chairman Liakakis said, Dave [Gellatly]?

Mr. Savidakis said, – very successful.

Commissioner Gellatly said, all right. I – I don't have a question, just a comment. If the Sheriff is happy, I'm happy. The only problem that I have, and I want you to understand this is that I'm concerned as are other Commissioners here that these paychecks go to citizens of Chatham County. It's nice that Effingham County has some paychecks going there, but as Commissioner Odell spoke I think very eloquently, they're not Chatham County. They're – we're the ones that put the money in the bank to begin with, and we want to make sure our citizens benefit from it, and I'm sorry 45% is not good total number of employees out there. And again as I suspect that if you did an analysis on the paychecks that the 55% that are not Chatham County residents are probably drawing the highest paychecks also. Thank you.

Mr. Savidakis said, the – the message that we've delivered to all of our local businesses here – here that are participating in that 66% and – and higher is that they've got to use local, Chatham County –

Commissioner Gellatly said, Chatham County is the operative word.

Mr. Savidakis said, yes, and we understand that and we are delivering that message to every one of our subcontractors.

Commissioner Gellatly said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you very much. Appreciate it, Mike [Savidakis].

AGENDA ITEM: VII-1
AGENDA DATE: August 26, 2011

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Michael A. Kaigler, Assistant County Manager/HR&S Director
SUBJECT: Local Participation Report for Chatham County Detention Center Expansion Project.

Russ, per your request, attached is the breakdown for local and minority participation. This report covers the first 4 months and represents dollars earned through July 31, 2011. We are projecting at least 66% local and minority business participation. As a matter of fact, Hunt/Mills has increased their commitment to 72.7%. The total contract, including alternatives, is \$70,734,000.

Hunt/Mills has promised to aggressively seek local minority and women contractors and we are incorporating tools to monitor their progress. Each month, Hunt/Mills submits local labor updates and a local economic impact report. Both reports are included with every request for payment and submitted around the first of the month. The local participation report was designed to illustrate which local firms are working and if that firm is a local small business, local large business, local minority or local women owned firms. Furthermore, it states the size of the contract, which firm is getting paid this pay period and how much of their contract has been earned to date.

Hunt/Mills is prohibited from making changes without due cause. Therefore, Engineering does not proceed with payment until we review the monthly report for unexpected changes in dollars awarded to local contractors.

Hunt/Mills is also required to report local labor. As promised, Hunt/Mills is hiring local workers from the Chatham County area. The ID Card system, purchased in January, allows us to track local labor demographics and we can report 79 out of 174 {or 45.4%} of active workers are Chatham County residents. Another 38 workers are from Bryan and Effingham. The remaining 57 are residents outside of the immediate area. We are working with Hunt/Mills and will co-sponsor a second local labor outreach before year end.

This information will provide to the Board on a quarterly bases and published on the County's website. Please advise if you need further detail or desire this information in a different format.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, next item, there's nothing on the Tabled and Reconsidered Items.

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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 \$10,820 FROM FY2011 GENERAL FUND M&O CONTINGENCY TO THE HAZ MAT BUDGET.

Chairman Liakakis said, Items for Individual Action, one, to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfer: transfer \$10,820 – \$20 from the fiscal year 2011 General Fund M&O contingency to the HazMat budget. Need a motion on the floor.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Chairman, I'll make the motion, but I do have a question after there's a second on the motion.

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

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, we have a second. Go ahead.

Commissioner Stone said, is there a reason why we had to pull money out of contingency for this?

County Manager Abolt said, no, this is – this is year end adjustments. This is based on the actual expenditure of the program. And this – this is for last year. And so you will see still into this month and next some adjustments that are part of the audit and part of reconciling the books.

Commissioner Stone said, so it came in over budget? Is that the issue?

County Manager Abolt said, I'm – I can't say exactly. We – we have an obligation. We pay a (inaudible) HazMat fees to support and when – whenever Ms. Cramer gets the final bills, then we make the adjustments. Her estimate's going into the year and now the year is over, and we're making year-end adjustments. But you – you will as you remember in the past there – there will always be these account – not account corrections, but account adjustments that are a part of working with the auditor and then making sure when the books are closed, which they are, that they are balanced.

Commissioner Stone said, well, I understand that, I just want to pay attention to the fact that this is something that we did have to go into contingency to pay for, which I want to keep an eye on how many times in essence we have to go into the piggy bank to pay for what we need to pay for.

County Manager Abolt said, but – yes ma'am, but remember the contingency is last year's contingency.

Commissioner Stone said, I understand.

County Manager Abolt said, okay.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the following budget Amendments and Transfers: 1) transfer \$10,820 from FY2011 General Fund M&O Contingency to the HazMat Budget. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1
AGENDA DATE: August 26, 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 \$10,820 from FY2011 General Fund M&O Contingency to the HazMat Budget.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

The City of Savannah and Chatham County share in the cost of the Haz Mat operation. The amount due for FY2011 (\$55,818) exceeds the \$45,000 budget. A \$10,820 contingency transfer is necessary.

FUNDING: Funds are available in the General Fund M&O for the transfer.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the following:

FY2011 GENERAL FUND M&O

Transfer \$10,820 from Contingency to the Haz Mat budget.

2. Amend or deny the request.

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

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

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2. CNT MONTHLY REPORT GIVEN VERBALLY BY DIRECTOR RAGAN.

Chairman Liakakis said, item two, the CNT monthly report given verbally by Director Everett Ragan.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, members of the Board, I – have – y'all have requested at your last meeting you be given in advance a copy of the report which we did earlier this week, and in addition to that, Director Ragan is here, but I must tell you, and I – I do this with trepidation because if I do it publicly he will not forget it, but I cannot tell you how proud I am of the man and his leadership and – and what he continues to do. You may have heard on the radio this morning, he's out doing it again, and I think that if we were to publish some sort of hazardous warning on this agenda, any bad people out there that do things wrong with drugs, that, if they're not caught today, Everett [Ragan] will get you within the end of the year because these people are arresting people. He's truly off his chain, and I love it. Director Ragan.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, Everett [Ragan].

CNT Director D. Everett Ragan said, thank you – thank you, Mr. Abolt.

Commissioner Odell said, that's a hard act to follow.

Director Ragan said, it's a very hard act to follow, but it – but I – but I do have, you know, anticipating something like this coming from Mr. Abolt, I do have – have one follow-up to come in. Captain Thomas, if you'll come forward, please, sir. I'd like to take the opportunity right quick to introduce my new deputy commander. His name is Kerry Thomas; he's a captain with the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department. I've known Captain Thomas for many, many years and – and it's a personal relationship, along with a professional relationship, and in this line of work, you have people you trust and you put around you and people who have – that you've seen come up and I'm – I don't know what I'm going to say now, but I'll have to take credit for perhaps some of his upbringing for the years at the police department. So if he messes up it's a reflection of me, and if we both mess up, you look at Dave Gellatly, you can hold him accountable, so. But the fact is is Captain McBurney did an excellent job for us. His – his five-year tour was up in April. He – we were able to steal him a little bit longer, but he went back to SCMPD as a precinct commander, so every five years we – we rotate out and it's Kerry's [Thomas] turn. I expect great things. He's very involved. He's involved with the community; he's involved with the men and women in the unit; and we expect great things from him. So hopefully it can only get better. So, Kerry [Thomas], if you would like to say one or two things?

Captain Kerry Thomas said, hello Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, County Manager. I certainly appreciate the opportunity to work in this capacity. I look forward to reaching those high expectations. Again, like the Director said, I'm very involved in the community because I live in the community, so it's not just a job that I'm doing for somebody else, it's also a job for me and my family as well. So I – I – I'm young in my career where I still enjoy it. So as long as that's the case, I'm going to get out there and I'm going to work hard, and again, I appreciate the opportunity. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you for all –

Commissioner Shay said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, – of the things you've done in the past. I'm out in the community a good bit, and as you know, you and I run into things whether it's a particular meeting or a scene, whatever it is, and I see that he's done an excellent job, you know, with the Metro Police Department and other things in his career. Okay, Everett [Ragan].

Director Ragan said, just touch base on a few things, this month we picked up – we started with 94 cases this month on investigations. As far as drugs seized for the month, you'll look and see one high number which is the \$15,000 worth of heroin we seized this month, and I'll touch a little bit more on that case now once we get at the end. Which currently brought our amount seized of heroin was over \$16,000 for the year – year to date. So, drugs are still there; we're seizing them, and again we're putting the bad guys in jail. We recovered over 54 guns so far this year, four this – four this month in July – for the month of July. Fifty-one total arrests that we had – let me put my glasses on – fifty one total arrests that we had for the – for the month of July. Last meeting we - there was a request to kind of take a look at the – not only time that we spent in the precincts, but also in the unincorporated area. We were able to add that little slice of the pie and showed that we're 516 hours in the month of July that was actually spent in the unincorporated areas, along with all the numbers there were spent in the precincts and the municipalities.

Director Ragan said, one thing we talked a couple of months ago was back in March when the DEA ran out of money and talked about meth clean ups and the – and the bills coming to us. Been fortunate. We did run into one, showed photographs in there. Again, it's the one pot method – pot method, but we had three pots that were active – four pots that were actively cooking at the one house so it cost us. We used a local company here. We got a bill for \$2100 from that – for that cleanup, and again, most of it is transportation and getting it out and getting it to a landfill up in Cincinnati somewhere. So that's where most of the cost come from. However, I am now happy to report that at the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police Meeting, Governor Deal was here; he spoke. He has now come up with \$400,000 for the state-wide to be used the same way DEA used the money for meth clean up. They're out on bids for the company to do it now so at least toward the end of the year we'll have resources we can go to again if we have an active meth clean – an active meth clean up, that's – that's – that's cooking, then we will be able to call the GBI, it will be managed through the GBI, get a number, contact the contractor, they'll come in and clean it up and the state will pick up that money for us. So even though it cost us \$2100 one time, I know that – I know that Bryan County had to spend over \$6,000 for clean ups on some – some one pot things that they had. So we – we – it – it didn't hit us that bad this time.

Commissioner Odell said, Everett [Ragan], as far as the meth, it – it always concerned me that if a person is cooking in an apartment and there are other apartments, obviously in that unit –

Director Ragan said, yes, sir?

Commissioner Odell said, – the potential of noxious gases; the potential of an explosion; the potential of a fire, it occurs to me that there could be potentially additional charges, especially if there are children.

Director Ragan, you – we do and we have charged for the cruelty to children whenever children are around in meth – in – in meth cooks. We perhaps could – could charge, and I'll get with the district attorney's office on this a reckless conduct type thing for cooking, of course, a misdemeanor, but reckless conduct for cooking. And – but yes, it is a potential – potentially dangerous situation when your cooking meth. The fumes coming off it are like hydrochloric acid so you – that is – that's a bad fumes that's coming off, and then again, if an – if an individual – and usually what happens with your meth explosions is they'll get in there, get to cooking and then decide they want a cigarette, and if they light up a cigarette and a spark goes, then that's when you have the explosions and the fire that come from it. Yes, sir. But there are additional charges, and – and I'll check with the DA and see what – if we can charge appropriately on those.

Commissioner Odell said, well a lot of those we can run through the feds because on the state side you still can get parole/probation. Feds don't believe in parole.

Director Ragan said, no, sir. We – we take several cases, one that I'm going to refer to in just a few minutes we'll – we're taking on federal.

Commissioner Odell said, to the feds?

Director Ragan said, yes, sir, to the feds. There's, you know, there's – there's levels that we have to meet – thresholds that we have to meet on federal that are higher than what – than what we have in state – state government, so sometimes it's hard to get, you know, 'cause they'll – they'll get their plate full and it's easy for the U.S. Attorney's office to say, hey, we got our plate full, we can't take anything for the next six, seven months. So, but we – so we have to be very careful and – and – and shop out the cases that we – that are really worth the federal attention on our cases. So – but that – that's the good news about the meth clean up. At least state's – state's stepping forward and going to fund some of our clean up.

Director Ragan said, you can see the – in July 1st we had 22 arrests of individuals that we had gone up on a wire back in January, and we did a round up the first part of July. We got 22 of those, we indicted 23 and that encompassed pretty much the west side in Pooler, Garden City, and out of Effingham County we got – like three or four of our defendants came out of Effingham County on that. But they were all pill sales and pharmaceuticals. And skipping to the last one – and you can see the three – the four pots there they were actually cooking on 40 – on 49th Street, and – and we had one intercept from the mail. One steroid case. We don't get many steroids, but this was a local individual that works at one of the gyms, and he had been on our radar for a while and he – he wanted – he was selling steroids and shipping out – and of course there's no honor among thieves, we all know that, but he was taking these bottles, and he had a kit at home that he would take half the steroids out of the bottle and then put vegetable oil in there to fill them back up like they hadn't been used. So he was ripping off his buddies too. So he wasn't – he wasn't even selling a full thing of those.

Director Ragan said, the last case I want to talk about is an individual by the name of Early, Johnny Early. He's an individual that is going to feds. He'll soon be in – under the federal system. Came upon our radar, determined that he was a – already on federal release from a federal conviction several years ago. He was going to go off federal release program the 9th of August. We were able to purchase heroin from him. We were able to purchase trafficking amounts of cocaine from him. We obtained – we were working with the federal probation office. We were able to obtain a couple of warrants for him for those sales and since he was due to be off of – of federal work program and federal probation, we had him called in to his federal probation office to sign the forms to – to get him released. He walked through the – the blue coats at the federal courthouse laughing, y'all ain't going to see me no more. I'm outta here. I'm fine – he didn't realize we had agents waiting for him in the – in the probation office. So not only – not only is he now looking at federal gun charges, trafficking charges in heroin, trafficking charges in cocaine – in cocaine, he's – his federal work release ended it that day and has to restart all over again. So he's – everything else – and five years for a gun that we found in his house comes on top of it. So yeah, he's going – he's buying a lot of time for that. Searched his house got almost – I think right at 15,000 a little more cash out of his house, and so, his – his – his attitude that he wasn't going to see law enforcement anymore was – was a shame on him. So anymore questions?

County Manager Abolt said, I'd like to if I could, please, before the Director sits down, to brief you on what's happened this week. The Chairman was at the news conference, and there was a major raid today, and I realize this is always retrospect monthly, but because Director Ragan is keeping so far ahead of things, I would like to give him the occasion to brief you on what's happened the last couple of days.

Director Ragan said, again, last Friday we had an individual who we had purchased cocaine from and pills, he was selling both, and in doing our background on him, we realized that there were out – already outstanding warrants for him. He was also wanted out of state, for possession of dangerous drugs out of Mississippi. We found him when we ran information on his vehicles that he was involved in a pursuit back in April with SCMPD. They tried to stop him; he took off on them; they terminated the pursuit, but his tag – when we ran his tag and it came back to the data base. So we knew we had an individual who had in fact had weapons charges before also, that we had an individual who was potentially dangerous, and we purchased our cocaine from him and pills from him in the parking lot at Wal-Mart out off Montgomery Crossroads, not too far from his house. He lived on – lived on Cresthill. So we decided to arrest him in that same location he was comfortable with because not only had he sold to us there but while we were sitting surveillance on him we watched him make another sale. That individual walked off and we stopped him and down the road and he happened to be a medical student so his – he bought pills and a – and marijuana from him, so we took him into custody. So basically we had a plan that when the catch word where the drugs were sold, we have a couple of heavy duty vehicles with real big blocking bars on the front. So we knew that – he was driving a 2010 Mustang, so we had to get him where he couldn't flee. So at the appropriate time, the two big vehicles came in, blocked him so he could not move forward or backwards. He tried. He tried to push one of those big Suburbans with the big blocking bar out of the way but wasn't able to. Refused to get out of the car. Agents were around. We had to break the window. He still refused to get out the car. Canine officers were there, put the dog in the car. He got out the car and continued – continued to fight. He had to – tazed once and one of the taze bar was hitting his shirt and didn't do a real good job on him, so we got a clear shot at his stomach and he got a second taze. He finally gave up. He had a .40 caliber handgun in his pocket. I guess between the dog and the tazing he wasn't realizing – he – he didn't want to go for the gun. He didn't know what else was gonna come on him at that point in time. But he was finally taken into custody. We recovered – recovered cocaine from him from in the car and – we had already prepared a search warrant for his house, went back to his house and almost nine ounces of cocaine, another shotgun we recovered from the house. His brother showed up. His brother – when the brother showed up in his car, he had trafficking amounts of cocaine. He had arrest warrants for him. He was also wanted out of Mississippi. He had another gun in the car and so we made two real good arrests in that. He – he was – bad guy was treated at the hospital and taken right straight to jail. He – he did suffer one dog bite but – and one agent – one of my agents hurt his wrist, hurt his hand. But he's – he's okay. He's going to be in a cast for a few weeks, but other than that. And then –

Commissioner Odell said, is that where you get the phrase, taking a bite out of crime?

Director Ragan said, yes, sir. Yes, sir. He – he took a bite out of crime. But gentleman did not want to go back to jail and he fought hard. And we – we anticipated a fight with this one. And we did one day before yesterday out off Marion Circle. Again, good past history. We got him, made sales from him, got him, he had a – he had a .40 caliber hand gun sitting on top of six more bags of dope in the car. And got to his house, and we got several more ounces of – several ounces of cocaine out of his house plus about nine grand in cash out of him. So.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, wow. Good job.

Director Ragan said, we still working. Working – and last – last night we hit a house – we did a – a confectionary, the one you will see in the paper today, a confectionary on Harmon Street. Multiple sales out of the confectionary, two a – actually took one of our agents, went next door, he had a house next door, got multiple sales out the house, hit them last night and got again a gun, dope and everything else. And that was off of Harmon and Worrell street right down from –

Commissioner Thomas said, good job.

Chairman Liakakis said, Dave [Gellatly]?

Commissioner Gellatly said, first and foremost good work and you certainly have some very competent employees, and I think they have a good leader also. The – the question that I had is that it – it occurs to me, and I'm talking about the clean up thing again, okay?

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Gellatly said, it occurs to me that probably most of the people that you arrest are not homeowners, right?

Director Ragan said, no, sir, not.

Commissioner Gellatly said, and probably in some cases why the place that they're renting is vacant because they don't live there anymore after you've been there?

Director Ragan said, it could be vacant and they – and they don't live anymore after we're there, yes, sir.

Commissioner Gellatly said, my – my – my question would be then for us to in part restore the property back to rental condition, why can't we pass some of our expense on to the landlord who didn't do a very good job of checking out a potential tenant on a – on a – on a good day, you know. I – I don't know, why don't you run that by a lawyer or something and see. I – I would think that if we're cleaning up someone else's property so that they can rent it again, why should the tax payers have to pay for that?

Director Ragan said, the – the – the cost and the clean up is those that are actively cooking with the fumes coming out – with the hydrochloric acid coming out. Once it has been dried out, then there's not really that much cleaning. It's not dangerous at that point and time. It's dangerous when the acid and all is – is being vented out and that's where the danger comes in. But once it has dried out, then we – then we – we can take care of that. We bag it up and we can wash it off with water and put it in the dumpster and it's taken care of.

Commissioner Gellatly said, okay. Thank you.

Director Ragan said, yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. I want everybody to know since June, two and a half months ago, since June to last night, that the drug squad has arrested 122 people. A number of them not only on street sales and all but suppliers also. And they have confiscated a number of weapons, a huge amount of drugs, and they are doing a – a really good job and those agents that work for our drug squad are doing an excellent job. They're dedicated just like the Captain and Everett [Ragan] is, and we can be thankful we got one of the best drug squads that you can find in the State of Georgia or around the country for all the work they're doing. And I've had the – the DEA, the federal agency, some of those people tell me what a good job and how this particular drug squad is being run because it's better than where they have been in other areas of the country. Thank you, Everett [Ragan].

Director Ragan said, thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

Chatham~Savannah Counter Narcotics Team		
Monthly Report		July, 2011

NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS	
Investigations:	Number
Investigations Initiated During the month	94
Total Number of Investigations Cleared (Arrest, E.C., Unfounded)	40

DRUGS SEIZED			
Drug Type	Value	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	2.10 Grams	\$210.00
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	45.10 Grams	\$4,510.00
Methamphetamine	\$100 per gram**	84.00 Grams	\$8,400.00
Marijuana	\$140 per ounce*	37.00 Ounces	\$5,180.00
Heroin	\$250 per gram*	62.10 Grams	\$15,252.00
Ecstasy	\$25 Dosage Unit	105 D/U	\$2,625.00
Misc. Pills	\$30 Dosage Unit	1,824D/U	54,720.00
Hallucinogens	\$10.00 per gram *	0 Grams	\$0
Synthetic (Steroids)	\$10.00 per ml *	450.5 ml	\$4,505.00

1999*Source: Office National Drug Control Policy

** Source: Established regional average price

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

DRUGS SEIZED—YEAR TO DATE		
Drug Type	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	109.90 Grams	\$10,780.00
Crack Cocaine	248.30 Grams	\$20,320.00
Methamphetamine	326.40 Grams	\$24,240.00
Marijuana	3,594 Ounces	\$497,980.00
Heroin	65.60 Grams	\$875.00
Ecstasy	546D/U	\$11,025.00
Misc. Pills	8,333 D/U	\$195,270.00
Hallucinogens	0 Grams	\$0
Synthetic (Steroids)	450.5 ml	\$4,505.00

DRUGS PURCHASED			
Drug Type	Value	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	32.10 Grams	\$3,210.00
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	9.10 Grams	\$910.00
Methamphetamine	\$100 per gram**	0 Grams	\$0.00
Marijuana	\$140 per ounce*	1.50 Ounces	\$210.00
Heroin	\$250 per gram*	2.00 Grams	\$500.00
Ecstasy	\$25 Dosage Unit	0 D/U	\$00
Misc. Pills	\$30 Dosage Unit	34 D/U	\$1,020.00

1999. Source: Office National Drug Control Policy

** Source: Established regional average price

WEAPONS SEIZED	
Firearms (including hand guns and long guns)	4
Year To Date Totals	54

PERSONS ARRESTED*	
Felony*	10
Felony Sales/Trafficking	38
Misdemeanor	2
Felony Non-Drug**	1
Total Arrests	51
Year To Date Totals	268

*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	0	0
Hot Line / Call-In Complaints	18	18
Green Sheets/ Outside Agencies	3	3
Crime Stopper Complaints	26	20
DRUG COMPLAINTS—YEAR TO DATE	268	245

DRUG INVESTIGATIONS HOURS WORKED BY ZONE

SCMPD – All Precincts	TOTAL	2,261	
Municipalities (Unincorporated Chatham County—516 hours)	TOTAL	782	
Administrative Hours		640	
Case Administration		782	
Pharmaceutical Diversions		480	
Central Intelligence		480	
Out of County (Task Force Operations, etc.)		50	87
Assistance Rendered to Outside Agencies		20	
Training		360	
<u>Court Hours</u>		<u>32</u>	
	TOTAL	2,844	

Total Hours Worked 5,887

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. On July 1, CNT agents conducted a round-up of approximately 22 defendants who were indicted from a previous Title III (wire tap) investigation involving prescription medication, specifically Oxycodone and Roxycodone.
2. On July 7, 2011, CNT agents responded to the area of 204 and I-95 in reference to a call for assistance from the U.S. Probation Office involving a probationer in a hotel room. A search of the room revealed over an ounce of crack cocaine, marijuana, and a firearm. Two subjects were arrested and charged with trafficking cocaine. Both subjects were on probation with one of them being on Federal supervised release.
3. On July 11, 2011, Major Case concluded a short term methamphetamine investigation. A search of a residence on East 49th Street revealed several active meth cooks, a firearm, and numerous discarded items in the trash utilized in previous cooks at the residence. Due to the active state of the labs and the amount of trash, a hazardous

materials team was contracted for a cleanup. Also, while at the residence the girlfriend of the subject arrived which was later found to be in possession of meth as well.

4. On July 26, 2011, CNT agents assisted the Beaufort County Drug Team in reference to suspicious Fed-Ex packages. Information revealed that two packages were sent from California destined to a Hilton Head address. Since the main hub for Fed-Ex is located in Savannah, Beaufort agents asked CNT for assistance. The packages contained approximately two pounds of high grade marijuana, bakery goods (cookies, brownies, and tortes), and hard candy, all containing THC, were seized. The operation was successful and agents arrested one subject who cooperated with their investigation and stated that he purchased the items from California for \$8,000.

5. On July 26, 2011, CNT agents received a phone call from a local pharmacy in reference to two subjects purchasing pseudoephedrine separately but leaving together. A check on the database indicated that both were frequent purchasers. Agents knowing the area alerted this pharmacy to alert the pharmacy across the street due to "smurfers" routinely visiting nearby stores. Surveillance was established and observed the two subjects enter the neighboring pharmacy and purchase additional boxes of pseudoephedrine. Both subjects admitted that they purchased the boxes with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine. Both subjects were cooperative and advised they had additional items used in the manufacturing process at their residence located in Effingham. Agents notified drug agents in Effingham and met them with the defendants at the residence. Additional items including over a pound of waste product was seized from the residence. Both are now pending felony drug charges from Chatham and Effingham County.

6. On July 27, 2011, CNT agents received information that a subject was distributing steroids through the mail and had solicited help from another person by asking them to actually mail the steroids. The steroids were seized and contact was made with the supplier. The supplier was found to be in possession of steroids at his business and advised additional steroids were at his residence. A consensual search revealed additional steroids, syringes, and other paraphernalia inside the residence. Arrest is pending.

7. On July 29, 2011, Major Case concluded a short term investigation on a subject that was on federal supervised release. Agents executed trafficking cocaine warrants on the subject which led to a search at his residence on Tahoe Court. The search revealed over 50 grams of Heroin, packaging materials, a loaded firearm, and approximately \$16,000 in currency. The subject was charged with additional charges of trafficking in Heroin and firearm charges. This investigation will be forwarded to DEA for review.

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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, Action Calendar. Under items 1 through 8 and then under 8, under A through H, so we need a motion on the floor for approval and to hold out any particular action number that you would. Helen [Stone]?

Commissioner Stone said, I just have a question, Mr. Chairman, under 8-A, and I'll be happy to ask it if there aren't any other questions.

Chairman Liakakis said, go ahead.

Commissioner Stone said, this is – has to do with the change order for Norwood Avenue. What – I've had several calls about this project being slow, delayed. There's – there's a detour there and it's caused some problems. Can somebody just give me a brief update on that?

County Manager Abolt said, sure, this is the one I think we've talked about before where the commitments were made to get the blockage done by the start of school. I've heard no reports to the contrary, but I'll make sure Mr. Davenport updates you before you leave today.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Commissioner Odell said, make a motion to approve.

Chairman Liakakis said, we need a second.

Commissioner Odell said, I'll second.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, nobody made a motion, I don't think.

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah, Helen [Stone] did.

Commissioner Stone said, I said I'd make the motion but I wanted to hold out for this one question.

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah. Yeah. All right, let's go on the board. Motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the action calendar, Items 1 through 8 and under Item 8, Items A through H. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

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1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 2011, AS MAILED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 12, 2011, as mailed. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. **CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 4, 2011 THROUGH AUGUST 17, 2011.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period August 4, 2011 through August 17, 2011, in the amount of \$3,061,604. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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3. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF A REVISED CONTRACT WITH STEP UP SAVANNAH.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved the Board for approval of a revised contract with Step Up Savannah. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-3
AGENDA DATE: August 26, 2011

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Daniel Dodd, Executive Director, Step Up Savannah
ISSUE: To request Board approval of a revised contract with Step Up Savannah.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1) The approved FY2012 General Fund M&O budget includes an appropriation of \$201,003 for the Step Up Savannah Construction Apprentice Program (CAP). The amount approved by the Board to Step Up will not change. The two employees that operate the CAP program would remain on the county payroll. Step Up asks that the remaining funds be directly granted to them to allow them to leverage the funds with other funders. Therefore Step Up requests that the scope of services for the existing contract be expanded to allow Step Up to serve more people in the high poverty neighborhoods.
- 2) The contract amount is for the balance of the appropriation, net of the salaries and benefits paid to the two employees on county payroll. The balance to be paid for FY2012 is \$57,135. The payments will be made quarterly.
- 3) The County Attorney has reviewed a Memorandum of Understanding with Step Up Savannah, Inc., which is attached and submitted for Board approval.

FUNDING: Funds are available in the General Fund M&O Construction Apprentice Program (1007660-57.30101).

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) That the Board approve the contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.
- 2. Provide other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Approval is consistent with Board action requiring a contract or Memorandum of Understanding with agencies providing services.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Read DeHaven

STATE OF GEORGIA)
)
 COUNTY OF CHATHAM)

**CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH
 Step Up Savannah (Step Up Savannah, INC.)**

This Memorandum of Understanding is made and entered into this 26th day of August, 2011, by and between Step Up Savannah, Inc. (hereinafter called Step Up Savannah) and the Chatham County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter called the County).

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, Step Up Savannah's mission is "The Step Up collaborative will enhance economic independence in Savannah by encouraging residents to take personal responsibility and organizations to identify and work to reduce barriers to self sufficiency; by finding, redistributing or creating the necessary resources; and by evaluating outcomes."; and

WHEREAS, Step Up Savannah at the request of the Chatham County Commission created the Construction Apprentice Program known as CAP in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County, Step Up Savannah (a collaboration of 106 organizations led by the City of Savannah and Chatham County working to reduce poverty in Chatham County), the Home Builders Association, and Savannah Technical College began a partnership in 2006 to train people from the high poverty areas with classroom and on the job training in construction and then place them in well paying jobs. The original conception for this program came from the Chatham County Commission and County Manager; and

WHEREAS, Step Up has received subsequent direction from Chatham County to diversify training into other high-yield sectors for low-income residents; and

WHEREAS, Step Up Savannah and Chatham County train 100 individuals per year from the high poverty areas, and link them with well-paying jobs within Chatham County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is the governing authority of Chatham County; and

WHEREAS, the County has expressed that low income residents benefit from the services provided by Step Up Savannah.

NOW, THEREFORE, Step Up Savannah and the County enter into this Memorandum of Understanding for Services and agree more particularly as follows:

SECTION 1. Step Up Savannah agrees that it shall provide, including, but not limited to, the following services:

- 1. Step Up Savannah agrees to oversee the implementation of the Construction Apprentice Program ("Program") to ensure that the purpose, goals and objectives of the program are met;
- 2. Step Up Savannah agrees to ensure that 100 people complete the program annually and that at least 50 people obtain employment annually;
- 3. Step Up Savannah will provide regular reports to the County Commission for their review to ensure that the goals are being met;
- 4. Step Up Savannah will manage and oversee the budget and expenses of the program to ensure that the program remains under budget;
- 5. Step Up Savannah will leverage funds within its 501c(3) status in an effort to maximize grant funding;

- 6. Step Up Savannah will supervise the full-time program director and full-time program coordinator on a regular basis and will ensure that their performance plans and reviews are done annually; and
- 7. Step Up Savannah will work to ensure that Step Up participants are entering employment that leads to self-sufficient wages.

SECTION 2. The County, for and in consideration of the delivery of the above-described services agrees more particularly as follows:

- 1. Provide \$57,135.00 in funding for operating costs, payable in quarterly installments with the first quarter beginning in July 1, 2011. Operating costs are defined as the annual adopted budget for the Construction Apprentice Program minus the adopted budget for salaries and benefits; and
- 2. Promote the Step Up Savannah training program to key stakeholders, and the community at large.

SECTION 3. Terms of Memorandum of Understanding

Step Up Savannah agrees that the subject appropriation by the County shall be used only for the purposes outlined within this Memorandum of Understanding. Step Up Savannah agrees to maintain in accordance with generally acceptable principles, records of all expenditures pertaining to funds granted under this Memorandum of Understanding and shall allow County auditors complete access for purposes of verifying the appropriate expenditure of funds within the meaning of services to be provided.

This Memorandum of Understanding will remain in effect for a period of one year from the date of execution, unless amended or terminated by the County or Step Up Savannah upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party.

Step Up Savannah, Inc.

By: _____
 DANIEL DODD
 Executive Director

 Print Name: _____
 Witness

CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY: _____
 PETE LIAKAKIS, Chairman
 Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: _____
 Janice E. Bocook
 Clerk of Commission

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

 R. Jonathan Hart
 Chatham County Attorney

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- 4. **REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF A QUITCLAIM DEED TO THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RIGHTS OF WAY AND/OR EASEMENTS ACQUIRED TO CONSTRUCT THE JIMMY DELOACH PARKWAY AT THE STATE ROUTE 21 INTERCHANGE PROJECT. [District 7.]**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve authorization of execution of a Quitclaim Deed to the Georgia Department of Transportation for the Rights of Way and/or Easements acquired to construct the Jimmy Deloach Parkway at the State Route 21 Interchange Project. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-4
AGENDA DATE: August 26, 2011

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

ISSUE: To authorize execution of a Quitclaim Deed to the Georgia Department of Transportation for the rights of way and/or easements acquired to construct the Jimmy Deloach Parkway at the State Route 21 interchange project.

BACKGROUND: The interchange was constructed as part of the SPLOST Road Capital Improvement Program. Construction is complete. The construction contract was managed by Chatham County and the Georgia Department of Transportation. The rights of way and easements need to be transferred to the GDOT for those areas within the State Route that it is their responsibility to maintain.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. The County acquired rights of way and easements in the County's name by deed or condemnation along State Route 21 to construct the interchange at Jimmy Deloach Parkway.
- 2. The Quitclaim Deed describes in detail the rights of way and easements acquired for the project. The County Attorney has approved by Quitclaim Deed as to legal form.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. To authorize execution of a Quitclaim Deed to the Georgia Department of Transportation for the rights of way and/or easements acquired to construct the Jimmy DeLoach Parkway at State Route 21 interchange project.
- 2. To not authorize the Quitclaim Deed and retain the rights of way and maintenance responsibilities.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The Board must approve quitclaim actions.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commissioners adopt Alternative No. 1.

District 7.

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5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A RESOLUTION AND QUITCLAIM DEED TO TRANSFER TO THE CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH THE RIGHTS OF WAY ACQUIRED BY CHATHAM COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT THE INTERCHANGE AT JIMMY DELOACH PARKWAY AT STATE ROUTE 21 INTERCHANGE. [DISTRICT 7].

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved the Board to approve a Resolution and Quitclaim Deed to Transfer to the City of Port Wentworth the Rights of Way acquired by Chatham County to construct the interchange at Jimmy Deloach Parkway at State Route 21 interchange. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-5
AGENDA DATE: August 26 2011

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

ISSUE:
To approve a Resolution and Quitclaim Deed to transfer to the City of Port Wentworth the rights of way acquired by Chatham County to construct the interchange at Jimmy Deloach Parkway at State Route 21 interchange.

BACKGROUND: The interchange was constructed as part of the SPLOST Road Capital Improvement Program. Construction is complete. The construction contract was managed by Chatham County and the Georgia Department of Transportation. The rights of way need to be transferred to the City of Port Wentworth since the maintenance is the responsibility of the City.

FACTS AND FINDINGS

- 1. The County acquired rights of way to construct the interchange. A portion of the project is within the City limits of the City of Port Wentworth.
- 2. The Resolution with Exhibit A describes the rights of way and parcels acquired for the project. The Quitclaim Deed includes a detailed description of the parcels acquired. Both documents were reviewed and approved by the County Attorney as to legal form.
- 3. After Board approval, the Resolution will be forwarded to the City of Port Wentworth for approval by the City Council.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. To approve a Resolution and Quitclaim Deed to transfer to the City of Port Wentworth the rights of way acquired by Chatham County to construct the interchange at Jimmy DeLoach Parkway at State Route 21 interchange.
- 2. To not approve the Resolution and retain the rights of way and maintenance responsibilities.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The Board must approve the transfer of rights of way for road projects to the appropriate municipal jurisdiction.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commissioners adopt Alternative No. 1.

District 7.

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CHATHAM

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Chatham County has improved and/or widened certain rights-of-way for the purpose of streets and roads within the City limits of the City of Port Wentworth and;

WHEREAS, Chatham County has acquired the appropriate rights-of-way for the widening of said streets or roads or the creation of new streets and roads within the City limits of the City of Port Wentworth and,

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

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

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

This the ____ day of _____, 2011.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Witness

BY: _____
Chairman

Notary Public

Attest: _____
Clerk

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED
this ____ day of _____, 2011.

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH, GEORGIA

BY: _____
Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION OF PARCELS OF LAND WITHIN THE REQUIRED RIGHTS OF WAY FOR CERTAIN STREET AND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS MADE BY COUNTY OF CHATHAM, WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH, STATE OF GEORGIA, SAID ROAD PROJECTS AND A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION FOR SAID PARCELS BEING SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL RIGHTS OF WAY MAPS PREPARED BY CHATHAM COUNTY, FOR THE PROJECT SHOWN HEREINBELOW WHICH MAPS ARE MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE.

Jimmy DeLoach Parkway at State Route 21 interchange: All those certain parcels of land acquired by Chatham County within the required rights of way for the Jimmy DeLoach Parkway at State Route 21 Interchange, including rights of access to said roads which the City of Port Wentworth agrees to enforce and maintain in the manner and location in which said access rights were acquired and in accordance with and as specified by the final right of way plans for said Project.

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6. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A RESOLUTION AND QUITCLAIM TO TRANSFER TO THE CITY OF SAVANNAH THE RIGHTS OF WAY ACQUIRED BY CHATHAM COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT THE INTERCHANGE AT JIMMY DELOACH PARKWAY AT STATE ROUTE 21 INTERCHANGE. [DISTRICT 7].**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to approve a Resolution and Quitclaim Deed to transfer to the City of Savannah the rights of way acquired by Chatham County to construct the interchange at Jimmy DeLoach Parkway at State Route 21 interchange. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-6
AGENDA DATE: August 26, 2011

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

ISSUE: To approve a Resolution and Quitclaim Deed to transfer to the City of Savannah the rights of way acquired by Chatham County to construct the interchange at Jimmy DeLoach Parkway at State Route 21 interchange.

BACKGROUND: The interchange was constructed as part of the SPLOST Road Capital Improvement Program. Construction is complete. The construction contract was managed by Chatham County and the Georgia Department of Transportation. The rights of way need to be transferred to the City of Savannah since the maintenance is the responsibility of the City.

FACTS AND FINDINGS

1. The County acquired rights of way to construct the interchange. A portion of the project is within the city limits of the City of Savannah.
2. The Resolution with Exhibit A describes the rights of way and parcels acquired for the project. The Quitclaim Deed includes a detailed description of the parcels acquired. Both documents have been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney as to legal form.
3. After Board approval, the Resolution will be forwarded to the City of Savannah for approval by the City Council.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To approve a Resolution and Quitclaim Deed to transfer to the City of Savannah the rights of way acquired by Chatham County to construct the interchange at Jimmy DeLoach Parkway at State Route 21 interchange.
2. To not approve the Resolution and retain the rights of way and maintenance responsibilities.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The Board must approve the transfer of rights of way for road projects to the appropriate municipal jurisdiction.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commissioners adopt Alternative No. 1.

District 7.

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CHATHAM

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Chatham County has improved and/or widened certain rights-of-way for the purpose of streets and roads within the City limits of the City of Savannah and;

WHEREAS, Chatham County has acquired the appropriate rights-of-way for the widening of said streets or roads or the creation of new streets and roads within the City limits of the City of Savannah and,

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

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

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

This the ____ day of _____, 2011.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Witness

BY: _____
Chairman

Notary Public

Attest: _____
Clerk

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED
this ____ day of _____, 2011.

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

BY: _____
Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION OF PARCELS OF LAND WITHIN THE REQUIRED RIGHTS OF WAY FOR CERTAIN STREET AND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS MADE BY COUNTY OF CHATHAM, WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH, STATE OF GEORGIA, SAID ROAD PROJECTS AND A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION FOR SAID PARCELS BEING SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL RIGHTS OF WAY MAPS PREPARED BY CHATHAM COUNTY, FOR THE PROJECT SHOWN HEREINBELOW WHICH MAPS ARE MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE.

Jimmy DeLoach Parkway at State Route 21 interchange: All those certain parcels of land acquired by Chatham County within the required rights of way for the Jimmy DeLoach Parkway at State Route 21 Interchange, including rights of access to said roads which the City of Savannah agrees to enforce and maintain in the manner and location in which said access rights were acquired and in accordance with and as specified by the final right of way plans for said Project.

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- 7 REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN, CLERK OF COMMISSION AND COUNTY ENGINEER TO SIGN ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO ENABLE CHATHAM COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LOCAL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RESURFACING OF COUNTY ROADS. [District: All Districts.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to authorize the Chairman, Clerk of Commission and County Engineer sign all required documents to enable Chatham County to participate in the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant Program with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the Resurfacing of County roads. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: X-7
AGENDA DATE: August 26, 2011

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

ISSUE: That the Board authorize the Chairman, Clerk of Commission and County Engineer to sign all required documents to enable Chatham County to participate in the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) Program with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the resurfacing of County roads.

BACKGROUND: The LMIG program provides financial assistance to local governments for various roadway projects. It replaced the Local Assistance Road Program (LARP) as well as the State Aid Program. For resurfacing, they require that the County certify ownership of the roads to be resurfaced, prepare the roads for resurfacing and maintain them upon completion.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

A list of roads for the fiscal year 2012 LMIG resurfacing was submitted on August 12, 2011 to GDOT for various roads throughout Unincorporated Chatham County in Congressional Districts 1 and 12. GDOT has a rating system by which they determine the roads that qualify for resurfacing. They also have an allocation system that limits the amount of financial assistance to each county or municipality.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board authorize the Chairman, Clerk of Commission and County Engineer to sign all required documents to participate in the LMIG program with GDOT for the resurfacing of County roads.
2. That the Board not approve participating in the LMIG resurfacing.

FUNDING: No funds are required for this item.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The Board must approve intergovernmental agreements.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve Alternative No. 1.

District: All Districts

Prepared by: Pamela Bernard

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 LOCAL MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM
 CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP AND AGREEMENT**

I, as the authorized **COUNTY** official, do hereby certify that the roads or sections of roads described and shown on the county's priority list dated _____ are dedicated public roads and are part of the Public Road System in said **COUNTY**.

I further certify that the **COUNTY**, hereby agrees to the following:

That the **DEPARTMENT** will assist the **COUNTY** in constructing projects for the improvement of certain selected roads in the **COUNTY** subject however, to the condition that the **COUNTY** shall provide for its proper maintenance after completion of its improvement, and will make reasonable provision each year for such maintenance, and also will, prior to or during the construction of the project, provide the following additional services, certifications, and information, when applicable, at no cost to the **DEPARTMENT**.

1. Right of Way and Right of Way Certification.
2. Relocate or adjust all utilities.
3. Necessary patching should begin **IMMEDIATELY** on the selected roads and to the satisfaction of the District Engineer.
4. Clearing of ditches and drainage structures.
5. Raise the existing shoulder grade to match the elevation of the new asphalt and provide positive drainage. *On DOT LET projects, the contractor shall furnish, install & maintain Low/Soft shoulder signs until final acceptance, at which time; the signs will become the property of the local government.*

To the extent provided by law, the **COUNTY** further agrees to hold the Department of Transportation of the State of Georgia harmless from all suits or claims that may arise from the construction or improvement of said roads.

This the _____ day of _____, 2011.

For: _____
(COUNTY)

By: _____
(AUTHORIZED COUNTY OFFICIAL)

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8. 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 Stone 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 Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
A. Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract for the Norwood Outfall #2 drainage improvement project for additional work	Engineering	Pine Valley Concrete Company	\$17,634	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Drainage, Norwood Avenue
B. Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract for the Skidaway Road shoulder improvement project for additional work	Engineering	ARCO, Inc.	\$13,427	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Unincorporated County roads, Skidaway/ Isle of Hope
C. Annual contract with automatic renewals for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to provide election equipment transportation and delivery services	Board of Elections	Lee Wright (MBE)	\$160 per precinct, per round trip	General Fund/M & O - Elections Board
D. Change Order No. 1 to the contract to provide trash containers for the Detention Center for additional containers	Detention Center	Atlantic Waste Services	\$8,424	General Fund/M & O - Detention Center
E. Award an annual contract, with automatic renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to provide service uniforms shirts and trousers	Sheriff	Uniforms by Patrick (WBE)	\$91,844	•General Fund/M & O - Sheriff •General Fund/M & O - Detention Center
F. Annual maintenance agreement for the County portion of the 800MHz communications system	I.C.S.	Motorola Communications (Sole Source)	\$124,930	General Fund/M & O - Communications
G. Amendment to the contract for engineering services for the expansion of the Charlie Brooks Park to recognize a name change	Public Works and Park Services	AMEC E&I, Inc.	N/A	N/A
H. Confirmation of the emergency Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract to renovate eight (8) restrooms at Memorial Stadium for additional work	Facilities Maintenance	Y Delta	\$10,482	CIP - Parks and Recreation

AGENDA ITEM: X-8
AGENDA DATE: August 26, 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 \$17,634, to the construction contract with Pine Valley Concrete Company on the Norwood Outfall #2 Drainage Improvements project for

unforseen site conditions including tree removal to protect adjacent buildings and work associated with water service laterals found during construction.

BACKGROUND: The Norwood Outfall #2 Drainage Improvements project is part of the 2003-2008 SPLOST Drainage Program. On 25 March 2011, the Board awarded a construction contract to Pine Valley Concrete Company to address the limited drainage capacity and the lack of access to perform maintenance.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The project is located on Norwood Avenue between Norwood Place and Doe Tail Court. Problems associated with the existing drainage system include property flooding. These problems are attributed to the undersized culverts and the limited drainage capacity of the existing ditch. The project includes installing a pipe system to replace the ditch to increase capacity.
2. Pine Valley Concrete Company has equipment and work crews on Norwood Avenue eliminating mobilization costs from the price of the work. Staff believes that the price quoted for the work is fair and reasonable.
3. Contract history:

Original Contract (3-25-11)	\$190,055
Change Order No. 1 (pending)	<u>\$ 17,634</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$207,689

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$17,634 to the construction contract with Pine Valley Concrete Company for the Norwood Outfall #2 Drainage Improvements project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Summary Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$13,427 to the construction contract with ARCO, Inc. on the Skidaway Road Shoulder Improvements project.

BACKGROUND: The Skidaway Road Shoulder Improvements project is part of the 2003-2008 SPLOST Road Program. The project was completed in July 2011.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The project is in the Isle of Hope area of Unincorporated Chatham County along Skidaway Road. In 2005, staff identified inadequate roadway shoulder conditions along the west bound traffic lane of Skidaway Road across from the Wormsloe Historic Site property.
2. The project corrected the deteriorated roadway shoulder and provided improved drainage capacity to an area of Isle of Hope including the drainage project recently constructed by the County under the Romney-Parkersburg Drainage Improvement project. The improvement also serves the Isle of Hope Elementary School.
3. This Summary Change Order covers increases in pavement markings (\$800), turf irrigation (\$3,500) and measurements of final pay quantities of various items (\$9,127).
4. Contract history:

Original Contract (12-3-10)	\$ 193,664
Change Order 1 (pending)	<u>\$ 13,427</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$ 207,091

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003 - 2008) - Unincorporated County Roads, Skidaway/Isle of Hope
(3234220 - 52.12003 - 32356480)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Summary Change Order No 1 in the amount of \$13,427 to the construction contract with ARCO, Inc. for the Skidaway Road Shoulder Improvements project.

2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award an annual contract, with automatic renewals for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Lee Wright of Savannah, a minority firm, to provide Election Equipment Transportation and Delivery Services for the Board of Elections, at a fee of \$160 per precinct, per round trip.

BACKGROUND: An annual contract is required to establish fixed rates for the "as needed" transportation and delivery of election equipment for the Board of Elections. This department is responsible for servicing a total of 89 precincts in a Presidential election. The current service agreement expired on 12 May 2011.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Bids were publicly advertised and opened 27 April 2011. Specifications required bidders to provide a fixed "per precinct" round trip fee and any subsequent year price increases. Responses were as follows:

*	TLC/CLT Lawncare Savannah, GA	\$130/Per Precinct (Round Trip)
*	Lee Wright Savannah, GA	\$160/Per Precinct (Round Trip)
*	MBE Firm	
2. A pre-bid conference was conducted to discuss the specifications and to resolve any misunderstandings. An accompanied site visitation followed. The above two (2) firms were represented at the pre-bid conference.
3. Mr. Wright met all specifications and is being recommended for contract award based on his proven track record and past performance. He has been the current contract provider for the last five (5) years. TLC/CLT Lawncare has no related experience in transportation or logistics of any kind and is therefore not recommended for award even though he submitted the low bid.
4. Staff believes Lee Wright's bid to be reasonable and fair. The Board of Elections concurs with Staff's recommendation.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O- Election Board
(1001400 - 52.39001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval to award an annual contract, with automatic renewals for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, to Lee Wright of Savannah, a minority firm, to provide Election Equipment Transportation and Delivery Services for the Chatham County Board of Elections, at a fee of \$160 per precinct, per round trip.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide essential services at the lowest possible cost.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval of Change Order No.1, in the amount of \$8,424, to Atlantic Waste Services, Pooler GA, to provide three (3) additional 8 Yard Trash containers for non-hazardous waste disposal for the Chatham County Detention Center.

BACKGROUND: Chatham County Detention Center is undergoing construction and the current trash compactor which compacted the trash was removed to accommodate construction.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. During the construction at the Chatham County Detention Center the 40 yard trash compactor was removed and replaced with 8 yard trash containers. It was later discovered to be an insufficient amount due to the lack of pickups on the weekends.
2. The total number of containers is now eight (8) serviced three (3) times per week.
3. Contract history is as follows:

Original Contract (05/27/2011)	\$14,040
Change Order No. 1 (pending)	<u>\$ 8,424</u>
Revised contract amount	\$22,464
4. Staff believes the cost of the change order from Atlantic Waste Services, to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
(1003326 - 52.39001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of Change Order No.1, in the amount of \$8,424 to Atlantic Waste Services, Pooler GA, to provide three (3) additional 8 Yard Trash containers for non-hazardous waste disposal for the Chatham County Detention Center.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$91,844 annual contract, with automatic renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to Uniforms by Patrick’s of Savannah, to provide service uniforms shirts and trousers for the Sheriff’s Department and Detention Center Staff.

BACKGROUND: The annual contract for uniform shirts and trousers establishes unit pricing on high demand service uniform items which are purchased on an “as needed” basis by the Sheriff’s Department. A local provider is required to measure the Sheriff Department Staff, to maintain a minimum level stock for issuance to the County and to provide alterations.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Bids were publicly advertised and a pre-bid conference was conducted. The only vendor to submit a bid was Uniforms by Patrick’s. The bids were opened on 11 August 2011. The bid response is as follows:

* Uniforms by Patrick’s Garden City	\$ 91,844
* WBE	
2. The reason only one bid was received is that the Sheriff’s Department requires a local presence for measurements and alterations. Uniforms by Patrick’s is the only local source for law enforcement uniforms.
3. Staff believes Uniforms by Patrick’s bid to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Sheriff’s Department
(1003300 - 53.17001)
General Fund/ M&O - Detention Center
(1003326 - 53.17001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$91,844 annual contract, with automatic renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms to Uniforms by Patrick’s of Savannah, to provide service uniforms shirts and trousers for the Sheriff’s Department and Detention Center Staff.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve contracts that offer the best value to the County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$124,930 sole source annual agreement for system network maintenance with Motorola Communications for the County portion of the 800MHz Smartzone Communication System.

BACKGROUND: The system network maintenance provides for the County's 50% share of the central switching equipment data center and maintenance of the County's two (2) 800 MHZ tower sites. The City of Savannah is separately responsible for the other 50% of the maintenance on the switching center and the other towers of the 800 MHZ system network.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. The sole source manufacturer and service provider, Motorola Communications, provides contractual services locally through Savannah Communications, the only company technically qualified and authorized by license to maintain the communication system.
- 2. Over the last several years additional components have been added. Currently, the value of the entire networked communication system is more than \$15 million.
- 3. This maintenance agreement represents a zero increase over last year. Staff believes this cost to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: General Fund/M & O – Communications
(1001536 – 52.22001)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of a \$124,930 sole source annual agreement for system network maintenance with Motorola Communications for the County portion of the 800MHz Smartzone Communication System.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide maintenance for the County's portion of the 800 MHZ communication system, without interruption.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval of an amendment to the existing contract with MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc., to recognize the name change to AMEC E & I, Inc.

BACKGROUND: On 16 October 2009, the Board approved an engineering services contract with MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc. for Engineering Services for the Expansion of Charlie Brooks Park.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. Staff was first notified of the up coming name change on 17 June 2011. The Certificate of Amendment and their new W-9 form was received by staff on 8 August 2011.
- 2. There will be no changes to the terms and conditions of this contract.

FUNDING: N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of an amendment to the existing contract with MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc., to recognize the name change to AMEC E & I, Inc.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to amend contracts that require any changes made to the name, terms, and conditions.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board confirmation of emergency Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$10,482 to Y-Delta Inc. to upgrade the existing restroom plumbing infrastructures at Memorial Stadium.

BACKGROUND: On June 24, 2011, the Board approved the award of a construction contract to Y-Delta, Inc. to renovate the eight (8) restrooms at Memorial Stadium. Memorial Stadium serves many purposes and is utilized by our public school system, private citizens and surrounding community.

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 renovations were unknown.
2. During renovations it was discovered that the current plumbing was beyond repair. The current plumbing has existed for more than 50 years and records of any upgrades or modifications do not exist. Based on a redesign, this change order will allow for all of the old deteriorated galvanized steel lines in each restroom at the stadium to be replaced.
3. It was also discovered by the contractor that the plumbing design would not be appropriate to match the current upgrades. The consultant for this project, Neil Dawson Architect, used an engineering firm to conduct the plumbing design and that firm did not factor that the design as drawn would leave much of the proposed copper piping exposed and prone to vandalism. It was then determined the best way to prevent this was to run the plumbing under the slab.
4. After consideration CPVC was the chosen material that will be used for the upgrades. The use of copper and galvanized steel were also considered, however, it was determined these options would be more costly. CPVC was determined to be the most cost effective option.
5. Staff requested emergency approval from the Chairman so the project could proceed in a timely manner. He concurred (see attached page 10) and directed staff to seek Board confirmation at their next scheduled meeting.

FUNDING: CIP Recreation
(3506100 - 52.22001 - 35031307)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board confirmation of emergency Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$10,482 to Y-Delta Inc. to upgrade the existing restroom plumbing infrastructures at Memorial Stadium.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to confirm an emergency change order to prevent the disruption of services.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

PREPARED BY _____
PURCHASING AGENT

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XI. FIRST READINGS

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

Chairman Liakakis said, there are no items under the First Readings.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

1. UPDATES TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY REVENUE ORDINANCE. SEE ATTACHED MEMO TO COMMISSIONER FARRELL REGARDING RECREATION FEES.

Chairman Liakakis said, under the Second Reading we have updates to the Chatham County Revenue Ordinance. And you have the memo attached and this is what we were talking about in the pre-meeting about recreational fees. The – at this particular point, Commissioner Farrell met with – you know, with our staff and others in the recreation area and have made some suggestions and what we're going to be looking at right now after the conversation that we had in the pre-meeting is that we're asking our County Manager to have his staff to monitor this so if there are any problems with it that we can come back to it. Now I want to find out if we want to go ahead and pass this today and then – or either we can hold on it – but just go ahead and vote on it today but –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, it was my understanding that no action was needed at all. That – that – that it was already in place and we –

County Manager Abolt said, yeah, this – this is your entire Revenue – this is a big old piece of paper –

Commissioner Stone said, I know.

County Manager Abolt said, this is your entire Revenue Ordinance. In your financial policies, you have designated that each year at the start of your fiscal year you would always update all of your revenues, so this – this is a whole lot more than just the issue you're talking about right now.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. All right then.

County Manager Abolt said, so my – my – my recommendation based on the direction you're giving staff, you adopt it, we'll monitor it and come back and tweak it if necessary. But the focus is only on recreation fees, and you've got page upon page of all the other fees.

Commissioner Farrell said, this –

Chairman Liakakis said, all right, so we don't have to go –

Commissioner Farrell said, this is what – this is what we're voting on –

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah, I've – I've read –

Commissioner Farrell said, – page 117 through –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, so we are voting on it.

Chairman Liakakis said, Patrick [Shay]?

Commissioner Farrell said – one – whatever.

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we adopt the staff's recommendation and approve the Revenue Ordinance as it was presented to us today with the understanding that there will be continued monitoring and consideration of the recreation fees that are somewhat controversial.

Chairman Liakakis said, James [Holmes] and then Helen [Stone].

Commissioner Shay said, we got a second?

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, James [Holmes]?

Commissioner Holmes said, I got a question. I do need to get some clarifi – clarification. When we vote on this, what right are we giving to the organization that coming in under the Chatham County Recreation Program? For some reason I asked the question but it wasn't clarity to what and who governed those two organizations, and I need to know now before we vote on this.

Mr. Al Lipsey said, Commissioner Holmes, we will extend the same rights to them that we extend to any other team that's a part of our league.

Commissioner Holmes said, is there an entrance fee that they're going to pay?

Mr. Lipsey said, yes. Entrance fee is \$150.

Commissioner Holmes said, what do they get for the entrance fee?

Mr. Lipsey said, they will get the normal field maintenance; they will get the lights; they will also get official fees paid in it; and some trophies.

Commissioner Holmes said, and the entrance fee is how much?

Mr. Lipsey said, \$150.

Commissioner Holmes said, who make their schedule up?

Mr. Lipsey said, they make their schedule. Please remember that they are coming in almost at the very beginning of the –

Commissioner Holmes said, I'm asking who make their schedule?

Mr. Lipsey said, they will make their schedule.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay.

Mr. Lipsey said, we will maintain –

Commissioner Holmes said, who –

Mr. Lipsey said, – the field schedule.

Commissioner Holmes said, excuse me. Excuse me. Excuse me. Do any other team have the right to make their schedule?

Mr. Lipsey said, football team or soccer team? Soccer team –

Commissioner Holmes said, any – any –

Mr. Lipsey said, yes.

Commissioner Holmes said, any schedule.

Mr. Lipsey said, we do that in the soccer.

Commissioner Holmes said, any – I'm not asking you about soccer.

Mr. Lipsey said, you said any –

Commissioner Holmes said, I'm asking you do any other team have the rights to make their schedule?

Mr. Lipsey said, we set their schedule.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay. Would you set these two teams' schedule?

Mr. Lipsey said, no, sir, we won't.

Commissioner Holmes said, okay. All right.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman?

Commissioner Holmes said, so how would they –

Mr. Lipsey said, only the – only the – not the – not the – only the – the field schedule we –

Commissioner Holmes said, you're not setting their schedule period from what you're telling me.

Mr. Lipsey said, field use schedule is what I'm saying.

Commissioner Holmes said, I'm talking about playing schedule for them.

Mr. Lipsey said, no. No. We don't select their team for –

Commissioner Holmes said, so – so – so – so let me ask you another question. Do other teams have that right to set their playing schedule?

Mr. Lipsey said, no, we set their playing schedules.

Commissioner Holmes said, so why aren't we setting the playing schedule for them?

Mr. Lipsey said, as I started to say earlier, Mr. – Commissioner Holmes, they are coming in our league almost at the beginning of the season. They are part of another association which they – they – we were informed that they signed contracts with. Those association have teams that comes in – that comes in from outside of Chatham County. Here again, Richmond Hill and also Pooler, Bloomingdale and those areas. They cannot –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, they're part of the CAA organization, correct?

Mr. Lipsey said, right.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

Mr. Lipsey said, they cannot change that at this time. One of the agreements that we made was that going forward in the future for football because this is football season, we will try to work out with them to fully convert to our program. We mentioned since baseball is further down the road, we will get back together and see what we can do with them with that – baseball season to become fully part of the county program. But as it is right now, they cannot change their schedule because it's pretty much set.

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Lipsey, let me clearly say to you, I don't like what I'm hearing.

Mr. Lipsey said, okay.

Commissioner Holmes said, I don't accept what I'm hearing. And I want to make it clear that I don't want any organization thinking that I'm attacking them for participating in our program. That's what I want. But each organization and team have their right to participate wherever they choose. But if you going to pay an entrance fee to come into Chatham County Recreation Program, we giving them trophies; we paying for their officiating, but yet still you allowing them the privilege of setting their own schedule how they play and where they play. You – you – you have never did this in your life or given no individual and no right to no team to set their own schedule. I know this for a fact. So why are we doing something now out of the ordinary? I mean why? Just – just – see you – we opening up a can of worm now that you going to get some recourse back. Are we prepared to handle it? Because if we giving trophies to this organization – take for instance if I got 20 players on my team, trophies cost four – \$4.00. Do you realize the money that I'm paying for that is not even much exceeding the entrance fee? Not even much talking about what you paying for the officiating. That's where all your money go at. So how – how – how – how do we come to the decision to accept \$150 entrance fee, give them the right to make their own schedule, give them trophy, give them payment for officiating and not governing them? I don't see. I've been in this thing too long to – to accept that.

Mr. Lipsey said, Commissioner Holmes, that is what we do for the other organizations. \$150 doesn't cover the – our fee.

Commissioner Holmes said, you are absolutely right.

Mr. Lipsey said, none of our teams – the – the fee that they play covers our expenses. None of them.

Commissioner Holmes said, but you govern those teams because they under our – see – you – you not governing the team that you allowing to come in. You just accepting money. So why are we accepting money where we not governing them?

Mr. Lipsey said, this is an unusual situation.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I can –

Commissioner Holmes said, you are absolutely right.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, can I answer that?

Commissioner Holmes said, very unusual.

Mr. Lipsey said, because as I explained earlier that it's choice of – of – of waiving all of the fees and having other organizations as you said come in and wanting the same thing, then we would lose all of our revenue. As I said earlier, we accepted them as part of the league this year with the understanding that they would continue their program as it is or as it was before committing to become part of our program for this year. At the end of this football season and the beginning of the baseball season, we will get back together, okay, and see how we can incorporate them fully into our program. That's the commitment that we made and that's the commitment that we received back from them. If it doesn't work out, then they're not part of our program.

Commissioner Holmes said, if what don't work out?

Mr. Lipsey said, and then – the decision will come back to you of whether to continue to allow them to use the – the field at no charge and that's another problem.

Commissioner Holmes said, as I state this now, each team have the rights to play where they want to play and – and – and I'm not denying that, and I wouldn't take that away from nobody. But I monitor our recreation program very closely, very closely; and one of these organizations that you talking about, they've never participated in our program. Seven years that I've been here. Baseball they play at Minnick's; basketball they play on Eisenhower – on Waters Avenue, and in football they play at Runaway Point. They didn't even much attend the clinic that we just gave. They don't have no intention of participating with our program so what make you think that they going to come forward?

Mr. Lipsey said, one thing – a couple things – I'm sorry Russ [Abolt].

County Manager Abolt said, I just want to say – I'm just trying to explain. Please – please understand, this is not staff's proposal. This is – this is a compromise borne out of an issue that has nothing to do with what you're talking about. The issue was a fee. And the issue was a fee that was long standing. An issue that we brought to y'all by way of a heads up last April, saying we're going to charge this fee, so we're going to be out – we're going to charge this fee. We got in the middle of budget and nothing was done. The Revenue Ordinance which is this big old book

is coming forward. So I raise my hand and say, hey, many months ago this was an issue of one Commissioner and so I'm just letting you know. And so out of that then came all this – this moment, this focus, and out of that came a compromise. It was just a day or two and – and that's all we're dealing. We don't – this is not perfect. This is far from perfect. It was a compromise for the leadership of Commissioner Farrell, staff participated and the teams. Had that not been the case, then you would have had those same teams in front of you saying, now, eliminate the fee, and the problem with eliminating the fee is in all these tournaments will in effect get a way free with using the fields. So it – it – we have not had the time – and that's why the direction from the Chairman, to perfect it. I mean this thing is like 48 hours old at – at the oldest.

Commissioner Holmes said, yeah, I –

County Manager Abolt said, but the real issue before you, ladies and gentlemen, was – was a fee schedule that was there; you're not adopting it. You've already adopted or some other Commission has adopted it, and we gave you a heads up back in April saying we found we can charge for this, and you want us to do all we can to get revenue, so we were going to do it, and we estimated it would raise \$30,000. So from that came the push back. So the push back now has created an occasion for a compromise. But this has not been designed with time. I mean, like I said, it – it – it comes out of a moment that was not its birth. The birth was a fee, and the other choice would be to eliminate the fee, and if you eliminate the fee then you lose the revenue from the tournaments, and that's all we're bringing to you.

Commissioner Holmes said, yeah, I – I – I – I follow you very clearly, Mr. Abolt, and – and I want to say to my colleague Pat Farrell you – you know – you – you're doing your commission work and – and I respect you very highly, but as I mentioned to you before I came out, you – you – you can't get my blessing on this because this is nothing that is clearly – it's good for this recreation department. See our recreation department having some problem, and I'm mighty afraid this decision today is going to create some more problem. Our staff don't need no more problem. They need to sit and sift through with what we have to deal with now to get back on track to do what we have to do. You – you don't have my blessing on this. I – I can't in my good conscious [sic] vote for something that I know is wrong. I – I – I just can't do it because anytime I govern a team, then I'm governing the team that participate in my program. I can't accept your fee but then let you govern yourself. Thanks.

Chairman Liakakis said, Helen [Stone], did you want to – you were, but your questions got answered? You're all right?

Commissioner Stone said, I'm just listening to the rest of the discussion. I – I understand all sides of this and it's –

County Manager Abolt said, I mean –

Commissioner Stone said, – and I mean it looks like there's a lot more work that needs to be done to make this fair straight across the board.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, Dean [Kicklighter]?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. The only possible problem I have with it is charging them anything. We're very fortunate to have this Pirates organization, who I honestly thought for all these years was Chatham County football, because that is the only – the major unincorporated area football team that – that, you know, we've offered. And, you know I've – I've – we should be pretty much be just very impressed that we have this organization, that they – they're that well organized and they've provided this football program for years. I mean, I'm pretty sure I played against them in Little League. The reason that the schedules are set that way is they're a part of the CAA organization. The CAA is made up of Garden City, Pooler, Port Wentworth, Bloomingdale, Richmond Hill, and the Pirates out here, Wilmington Island. What happens is each, other than the unincorporated area, municipality usually their recreation director is a board member on the CAA and they have meetings, they sit down, they're a voting body, and it's that organization that comes up with the schedule because the games are played throughout the various cities and at the unincorporated area out there at our fields on Wilmington Island. So that's why you have others setting the schedule on that. Whereas to – I'm sure the CAA wouldn't mind nor would the organization if a county rep went in and sat in with them as a, you know, board member, because that's how it comes up to be able to split the game up fairly amongst all the participating municipalities and in this case unincorporated area of Chatham County. Most of the other municipalities where I feel we're very fortunate as in we being the representatives of unincorporated area Chatham County, most organizations are paying for the kids' helmets, shoulder pads, pants, jerseys, everything, lights, field, cut the grass, referee, you – you name it. We've got the break of – hey, here use the field, we'll keep it cut, and I guess we provide referees up till now? Wow. What – what a bargain. And we've provided great football programs for those kids in the unincorporated, you know, out on the island there for years and years. I personally wouldn't have another problem if an organization could come through that well organized and put one out at Stell's Park, one of ours or any of our other parks because they're providing – we should be – almost be paying them in a sense. Not to give them any ideas 'cause that's – we're – obviously we don't have the money to pay them, but we're – I can't stress enough how fortunate we are to have that organization, and if anything, I'm – I'd like to vote against – I would like to just table this and let's let things run as they've been running and let's study this further where we don't jump into anything. Because if anything, these people need to be rewarded. They need to get up here and get a proclamation for – for having, you know, helped our children become better people because the kids that play in sports tend to – to do better and stay out of trouble and stuff. So I think just at this point it's a misunderstanding of the structure. If we just table this, let it roll as it has, and let's work on it, I think we'll find where it'll be pretty easy to let one of our actual staff members sit in if that's what everyone desires. But I, you know, I think they can easily designate whoever to be the rep on the CAA and that is a part of our sports program. But in an effort sometimes to control things, I think we spend more money than necessary. This is in a sense a public/private partnership saving

the county tax payers a lot of money, and I think we need everything to protect that. So I'll – I would like to see us just take no action at this point because we need to figure out a way to keep this organization running in the future –

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, you –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, – without hurting them.

Chairman Liakakis said, – made a motion – I mean you said table.

Commissioner Shay said, we would need –

Commissioner Thomas said, I haven't had my say yet, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I won't – I won't table until everyone talks or whatever 'cause –

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. All right. It's Priscilla [Thomas] next then it's Pat Shay and then Harris [Odell] and then Patrick Farrell.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I asked to speak because on yesterday I was approached by a member of the team that has asked for this special support, and in addition I do want to express their concern as well about the upkeep of the facilities. They don't feel that it is clean and it's a whole lot of stuff that needs to be done. I heard that over and over and over yesterday. I have no problems with children, young people, anyone using those facilities because when we built the facilities, when we went out to the citizens and asked them to support the SPLOST and etcetera to build those facilities there, some of these discussions came up at that time, will it be available and open to all regardless? I have no problems waiving the fees if we were going to vote on the fees today. The problem I do have is that of the governing procedures. You can't have two different procedures. If you're going to stick to a procedure than everybody should be able to follow those procedures and that's where I have a problem. So now if you're going to change the procedure for one group and the other groups have to abide by the procedures, then to me that's a double standard, and that's my concern. But I do not have a problem as far as waiving fees and having those young people use the facilities and do whatever's necessary because in that way we will – won't have to keep adding jail spaces – beds in the jail.

Chairman Liakakis said, Patrick Shay?

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to I think restate my motion. I made a motion that we adopt the Chatham County Revenue Ordinance which is the overall ordinance that covers all the things that we voted on when we voted for the budget most recently with the understanding that the issue that seems to be what we're discussing today, which has to do with the governance and appropriate level of fees for football, that that be something that was referred to the County Manager's office for further consideration and to work out the details but that we would not displace anybody from using the facilities in the meantime. And I – and I – I think that's a way for us to vote on the Revenue Ordinance, and Dean [Kicklighter], it's in essence similar to what you're saying. I – I – I think it would be inappropriate for us to table the whole ordinance –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right.

Commissioner Shay said, – over this one issue –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, that's fine.

Commissioner Shay said, – so I – I restate my motion in that way in hopes that we can pass this –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, absolutely.

Commissioner Shay said, – and then continue whatever discussion needs to be continued on the issue of which people have access to which ball fields and who decides on what their schedule is.

Commissioner Odell said, who's the second?

Chairman Liakakis said, we need a second on --

Commissioner Odell said, no, who was the second?

Commissioner Shay said, there was a second.

Commissioner Farrell said, I was.

Chairman Liakakis said, who seconded?

Clerk said, Commissioner Farrell was the second.

Commissioner Farrell said, I did.

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah, Patrick Farrell did. Do you accept that?

Commissioner Farrell said, sure.

Chairman Shay said, you seconded the motion, I mean, all I did was restate it and I – I amplified on the fact that, you know, there are going to be more study of the issues that have been raised here today, but –

Commissioner Farrell said, okay.

Commissioner Shay said, – the Revenue Ordinance, the 175 pages that allow us to charge people the same rates and fees that they've been charged historically is on the floor to be passed.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, is this – it excludes the section on the foot – the –

Commissioner Shay said, it doesn't exclude it, it says that the issues that the – the issues that are – that are – appear – put before us, I mean, Dean [Kicklighter], we – we adopted a budget that was based on this Revenue – on the anticipation of the passage of this Revenue Ordinance. If there are specific things that had to do with your desire that fees be waived or people, you know – I – I don't know, that needs to come up another day and resolved in another way, but we do need to pass the Revenue Ordinance that's the same ordinance that we anticipated when we passed the budget.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, Harris [Odell]?

Commissioner Odell said, I took a course in listening. I think we've said everything twice. What we're going to do is we're going to come back at a later date hopefully and fine tune this issue on recreation fees, but as a matter of due diligence, we really need to approve the – the Chatham County ordinance in total as presented because it was part of the budget. Having said that, I will call for the question.

Chairman Liakakis said, well, we have to go on the board now, then. Sorry. Motion passes.

Commissioner Odell said, now see, that's democracy.

Commissioner Shay said, it's weird democracy though.

Commissioner Odell said, it – it really is.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to approve the Revenue Ordinance but refer the issue of the governance and appropriate level of fees for football to the County Manager's office for further monitoring and consideration. No team will be displaced from using the facilities. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried in a 7-2 vote. Chairman Liakakis, Commissioners Stone, Shay, Farrell, Odell, Gellatly and Thomas voted yes. Commissioners Holmes and Kicklighter voted no.

AGENDA ITEM: ~~XI-1~~
AGENDA DATE: ~~August 12, 2011~~
AGENDA ITEM: **XII-1**
AGENDA DATE: **August 26, 2011**

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

ISSUE:

Present the 2011 Chatham County Revenue Ordinance for adoption by the Board of Commissioners.

BACKGROUND:

The county's fiscal 2012 budget was adopted June 24, 2011. The Chatham County Revenue Ordinance has been updated to reflect changes in rates and fees resulting from the budget process, amendments to the Ordinance since August 2010, and revised court and voter registration schedules. Also, the E-911 section needs to be amended for Prepaid Wireless Services.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Revenue Ordinance has been updated to reflect changes in rates and fees that were incorporated in the County's Fiscal 2012 adopted budget. These changes included various fees at the Aquatic Center, changes to the Public Utility Taxes – Cable Franchise Fees and hotel/motel tax wording.
2. On February 25, 2011, the Board approved an amendment to adjust the maximum total building permit fee to adequately cover the cost of providing departmental service. This capped the building permit fee at \$100,000.
3. The Voter Registration Office has made corrections to Article M Section 3 Sale of Voter List to reflect an increase in pricing effective July 1, 2011. Attached are the revised updated prices for this section.

- 4. Updated court schedules for Probate Court, Magistrate Court and State Court are included in the Ordinance. See Appendix B, C, and E.
- 5. On July 22, 2011, the Board approved the new E911 Prepaid Wireless Service Fee. Those changes are included in the revised ordinance under Article I Section 8.
- 6. **The Revenue Ordinance includes sports and parks space fees to charge for use of recreation fields. (Appendix F, pg. 117). Currently, there are several private youth sports organizations that reserve county facilities on a regular basis that are not charge a space rental fee. Those clubs are: Coastal Georgia Soccer Association, The Pirates Organization, The Talahi Tigers, The Savannah Celtic, West Chatham Soccer Association and The Savannah Soccer Academy.**

All of the listed organizations host and/or participate in private sponsored events which Chatham County provides staff, maintenance and lights with no revenue being collected for those services because of their long term association with Chatham County or due to the fees being waived in the past.
- 7. The Revenue Ordinance has also been forwarded to the County Attorney for review.

FUNDING:
N/A

POLICY ANALYSIS:

In accordance with adopted financial policies, the Finance Department will submit an updated Revenue Ordinance for approval each year within 45 days of annual budget adoption. Amendments to the Ordinance may be submitted throughout the year.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Present the Revenue Ordinance for a first reading August 12, 2011 and a second reading on August 26, 2011.
- 2. Provide the Finance Department with other guidance.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board follow Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Lesha Lanier

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Information items, you – everybody got that in their books and all and the – we’ll recess now –

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, I think you – you and I discussed it but a special note has to be given to that road report. Do you want to announce that?

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah, go ahead.

County Manager Abolt said, okay. I – I – I apologize for calling it out of order but I think you – if you’ve read the report which I know you probably have, I want the general public to realize that the Georgia Department of Transportation has opened bids on the Whitefield project. They expect to award in the next couple of months the bids based on just what was in the envelopes. The apparent low is R.B. Baker Infrastructure, just shy of 9.4 million. The budget as I’m told by some GDOT folks the bids were very tight. I believe their estimate was a little over 11 million. But we fully expect to get this project underway with GDOT supervision, and of course in the southeast portion of the county, a lot of construction’s going underway and we hope to have it all finished by the end of 2013.

Chairman Liakakis said, and what I’ve done too is I’ve talked to one of the GDOT people and asked them in awarding this will they consider doing what they can for local participation in it. Okay. All right. That’s it then.

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: August 26, 2011

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

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Tips, nuts and bolts for grinder repairs	Public Works and Park Services	Grinder Wear Parts, Inc.	\$2,603	Solid Waste Restricted
300 strong boxes for hurricane preparedness	Detention Center	Charm-Tex, Inc.	\$5,670	General Fund/M & O - Detention Center
Tag renewals and postage for September 2011	Tax Commissioner	World Marketing	\$6,057	General Fund/M & O - Tax Commissioner
2500 storage boxes	Administrative Services	Creative Packaging Inc.	\$4,317	General Fund/M & O - Administrative Services
One (1) UPS system at the Administrative/Legislative Courthouse	I.C.S.	Nationwide Power Solutions, Inc.	\$8,591	General Fund/M & O - I.C.S.
22,000 animal tags	Building Safety and Regulatory Services	Ketchum Manufacturing Company, Inc.	\$3,212	Building Safety and Regulatory Services
One (1) Optiview DVR with monitor card	Sheriff's	SFI Electronics, Inc.	\$6,387	General Fund/M & O - Sheriff
One (1) long range ethernet hub	I.C.S.	Entre Solutions (MBE)	\$3,056	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Courthouse Construction

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3. ROADS AND DRAINAGE REPORTS.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

A status report was attached as information.

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 ROADS

AGENDA DATE: August 26, 2011

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

FROM: A. G. Bungard, P.E., County Engineer

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

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

FACTS AND FINDING:

1. Truman Parkway, Phase 5. Construction underway by GDOT contract. Estimated completion December 2013.
2. Diamond Causeway. The GDOT is managing a contract to construct a high level bridge over Skidaway Narrows to replace the bascule bridge. Estimated completion of September 2013.

3. Whitefield Avenue. The GDOT let for a construction contract August 19. Expect award in October to R. B. Baker Infrastructure [apparent low bidder for \$9,371,208.]
4. Bay Street Widening from I-516 to Bay Street Viaduct. ROW plans approved by GDOT. Acquisitions were put on hold pending another assessment of alternatives on impacts to historic properties. A Public Information Open House was held on April 28, 2011. The Assessment of Effects was coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), approved by the GDOT and forwarded to SHPO for formal concurrence (final decision is expected by October 2011).
5. Local Roads.
 - a. Intersection improvements at King George Blvd and Grove Point Road. Under construction. Scheduled completion November 2011.
 - b. Faye Road and Hunt Road Bridges. Designs to construct replacement bridges are complete. ROW acquisition is complete. Permits from GA DNR, USACE and Coast Guard are pending. Intend to solicit bids for construction contracts in November 2011.
 - c. Wright Avenue. Design complete. ROW acquisition underway.
 - d. Elmhurst Road. Beechwood Road and Ridgewood Road. Design complete. ROW acquisition underway.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

Districts All

AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 DRAINAGE
AGENDA DATE: August 26, 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 project includes canal widening, bank stabilization, sluice gates and culverts. Construction of the sluice gate structure and channel improvements from SR 21 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.
2. Pipemakers Pump Station. The project was identified in the 2003-2008 SPLOST as a part of capital improvements to the Pipemakers Canal Drainage Basin. In late 2010 staff created a scope of work describing professional engineering services necessary to complete the preliminary design of the pump station. The preliminary design will consider flood risk assessment, environmental permitting, operational issues, and cost factors. A recommendation to award a professional services contract was approved by the Board on July 22, 2011. Notice to proceed with the work was issued on August 22, 2011.
3. Hardin Canal. 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.
4. Golden Isles. The project will relieve neighborhood drainage issues including structural flooding of homes, with the construction of an upgraded storm sewer system. Design and permitting work is complete. The project was publicly advertised and bids for construction were opened in June 2011. A contract for construction was approved by the Board on July 2, 2011. Construction work is expected to commence in September 2011.
5. 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. Staff is also investigating improvements to improve capacity and access on a storm water outfall across private property and currently not accessible to County crews for maintenance.

6. 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 complete. Design work is underway to improve the conveyance system upstream of the replaced pipe. A construction project to improve drainage at the Forest City Gun Club was approved by the Board in June 2011. Construction is underway and is expected to be complete by December 2011.
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. A project to improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance is underway in the area north and south of I-516. Staff is currently working to secure needed drainage easements between Chatham Parkway southward to enable construction of improvements connecting to recently completed channel improvements.
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 pending.
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 to improve drainage in the area of the Laurel Oaks Subdivision was completed in July 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 commenced in August 2011. The project will require a temporary road closure of Whitefield Avenue south of Montgomery Cross Road. The roadway is expected to be closed for approximately four to eight weeks.
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. Temporary closure of Norwood was required. The road was reopened to traffic on August 19, 2011 [before the start of school]. 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. Acquisition of easements for access, construction, and maintenance is underway.
14. Grange Road Canal. The project to relieve flooding extends from Pipemakers Canal to north of Grange Road (about 1.8 miles). The Grange Road Canal outfall to the Pipemakers Canal was improved in 2004 under work being performed to improve the Pipemakers Canal. An all weather access road for the Grange Road Canal between Bourne Avenue and the Pipemakers Canal was also constructed at that time. In 2010 the Georgia Ports Authority (GPA) presented a plan to the County involving expansion of GPA facilities in Garden City and the construction of certain drainage systems affecting the Grange Road Canal. An intergovernmental agreement allowing these changes to the Grange Road Canal is pending approval.
15. Skidaway Road. The project improved roadside drainage and addressed vehicle safety issues along a portion of Skidaway Road near Wormsloe. Construction is complete. A summary Change Order is pending Board approval. Staff is working with representatives of the Wormsloe Historic Site on the installation of appropriate fencing and landscaping materials as 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 are complete. Staff is working to acquire required right of way and easements for construction.
17. Lehigh-Shipyard Lane Area. The project will relieve roadside drainage issues causing nuisance flooding in the Lehigh Avenue and Shipyard Lane area. Final design plans and required permitting are expected to be complete by September 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, we're going to recess to Executive Session.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Chairman Liakakis declared the Commission would recess into Executive Session for personnel, litigation, and land acquisition. The Board voted unanimously to recess. [NOTE: Commissioner Gellatly was not present for the vote.] The Board recessed at approximately 11:38 a.m.

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

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APPOINTMENTS

- 1. **Zoning Board of Appeals**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Shay moved to approve the reappointment of Anthony Noha to serve on the Chatham County Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire August 1, 2015. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]
- b. Commissioner Shay moved to approve the appointments of Quentin L. Marlin, James Overton, and James B. Blackburn, Jr. to serve on the Chatham County Zoning Board of Appeals with terms to expire August 1, 2015. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2011.

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

JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION