

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 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 9:20 a.m. on Friday, September 9, 2011.

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Liakakis said, I call on Commissioner Helen Stone for the Invocation, please.

Commissioner Helen Stone said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is my honor to call on Father Pat Van Durick – Van Durme, who is the Chaplain at Hunter Air Force here. And I wanted him to be here today because I do not want us in our hearts to forget what happened this Sunday ten years ago, and I couldn't think of a better person to come and give our Invocation than Father Pat [Van Durme]. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, Father Pat [Van Durme], just come up to the mike there, please. Thank you.

Father Van Durme said, I'd ask you to please join me in prayer as you pray in your faith tradition as I offer this prayer in mine.

Father Patrick Van Durme gave the Invocation as follows:

Lord, we – we thank you for this day in which we can serve you. We ask you to bless all the efforts of those gathered here. Give them wisdom and courage to do what's right. Give them insight to see the path that is best to lead this great community in prosperity and safety. Lord, as we gather together today, we remember the attacks of 9/11 ten years ago. We pray today for all those who died. We pray also for those that have died since that day working to build the world of peace and justice. We pray for all in our community that stand in the gap today and risk their lives trying to build a better world. We pray for all those in our police and emergency services, strengthen them to their task and give success to their efforts. As they run towards the danger, Lord, keep them all safe and in the palm of your hand. Bless those families that still feel the sharp pain of the death of a loved one. You are their strength and their solace. As we gathered here in this hallowed hall, we remember that we stand on the shoulders of those that came before us. Help us to keep them always in our minds and hearts that we will do our best to live up to their legacy, to continue to build this community and this great country. There are still those that wish to do us harm. Give us the wisdom to seek justice and safety for all and shed your light upon us today. We pray together as a community, and in each our own way, but together we say, Amen.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Liakakis said, I call on Commissioner Priscilla Thomas for the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Thomas led all in the Pledge of Allegiance to Flag of the United States of America.

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IV. ROLL CALL

Chairman Liakakis said, I call on our county clerk, Janice Bocoock, for the roll call, please.

The Clerk called the roll.

- Present: Pete Liakakis, Chairman
- Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman, District Eight
- Helen L. Stone, Chairman Pro Tem, District One
- James J. Holmes, District Two
- Patrick Shay, District Three (arrived at approximately 11:10 a.m.)
- Patrick K. Farrell, District Four
- Harris Odell, Jr., District Five (arrived at approximately 9:30 a.m.)

David M. Gellatly, District Six
Dean Kicklighter, District Seven

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

Chairman Liakakis said, Janice [Bocook]?

Clerk said, yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, keep that in mind that Commissioner Patrick Shay has called, and he'll be here very shortly.

Clerk said, yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, and we'll go – I think Commissioner Odell is on the way also.

Clerk said, okay.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. PROCLAMATION FOR 9/11 DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE PRESENTED TO HANDS ON SAVANNAH. SHIRLEY SESSIONS, DIRECTOR OF HANDS ON SAVANNAH, WILL BE ACCEPTING.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right, next order of business is proclamation and special presentations. Item 1, proclamation for 9/11 day of service and remembrance presented to Hands on Savannah. Shirley Sessions, Director of Hands on Savannah will be accepting. Shirley Sessions, if you will come forward, and do you have anybody here with you also?

Ms. Shirley Sessions, Director of Hands on Savannah said, I do. I –

Chairman Liakakis said, have them come up to the podium, also.

Ms. Sessions said, – Gregg Shroeder, the President of United Way. With – Hands on Savannah is a United Way direct service, and Gregg [Shroeder] is here.

Mr. Gregg Shroeder said, good morning.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Your presentation.

Ms. Sessions said, actually I would like to thank the Commissioner, the Chairman, and most of all the County, the County Manager, and really everyone who has recognized the – the value and the importance of volunteering. As most of you know, without volunteers, our community simply – the non-profit agencies in our neighborhoods, simply could not survive; could not carry on the work that we do. In this time when the economic downturn is a concern, we look to our volunteers and our non-profits to help complete the services that are needed. So when Pete Nichols, and Pete Liakakis, and – and our wonderful County Manager, Russ Abolt, brought this to our attention, we – we really wanted to say thank you to – to each of you and to the community for understanding the power of volunteers. Youth, as well as every age matters. Our military. We have a lot of volunteer opportunities, the Hands on Savannah website, if anybody's interested in volunteering can simply log on and look to find volunteer opportunities from social services to animal rescue to environmental issues, and we really, really appreciate it. And we also have a little cup for each of you to remind you the power of volunteers and to always say thank you when you have the opportunity to those who – who volunteer. So thank you, Pete [Liakakis].

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, I wanted you to speak first, and I'll ask for Helen [Stone] if you will do this – read the proclamation. I'd like the two of you to stand up there and to do that.

Commissioner Stone said, does anybody have any reading glasses? I forgot mine.

Chairman Liakakis said, oh, here – here you go, for fine print.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you. And that's small print. All right, Petey [Liakakis], here we go.

[NOTE: Commissioner Odell arrived at approximately 9:30 a.m.]

Commissioner Stone read the proclamation as follows:

The County of Chatham
 Georgia

 Proclamation

WHEREAS, Chatham County joins the nation and the world in remembering the day that will forever be embedded in our hearts and mind, September 11, 2001 - a day which produced volunteers from various realms united for one cause - to aid those devastated by this horrific event; and

WHEREAS, the Septem9/11 attacks had immediate and overwhelming effects upon the American people which caused police and rescue workers from around the country to take leaves of absence, traveling to New York City to volunteer to help recover bodies from the twisted remnants of the Twin Towers; and

WHEREAS, as we honor those who unselfishly volunteer their time to come to the aid and assistance of their fellow-man, we salute Hands on Savannah, a direct service of the United Way of the Coastal Empire, Inc., which helps individuals, families and corporate and community groups find flexible volunteer opportunities at more than 100 service organizations and schools; and

WHEREAS, there are many benefits of being a volunteer; however, one of the better-known benefits is the impact on the community for unpaid volunteers are often the glue that holds a community together. Chatham County offers various volunteer opportunities at different locations such as the Chatham Emergency Management Agency where you can volunteer as a member of SAR (Search & Rescue Team); Juvenile Court, where you can become a youth mentor or court appointed special advocate; Savannah Chatham Animal Control as a Friends of Animal Control Team of Savannah.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pete Liakakis, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim September 11, 2011 as:

9/11 DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE

in Chatham County and urge all citizens to take a moment to reflect on September 11, 2001 and give consideration to being a volunteer to help make life better for others.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 9th day of September 2011.

 Pete Liakakis, Chairman
 Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

 Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
 Assistant to the Chairman

Ms. Sessions said, thank you.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Ms. Sessions said, we appreciate it so very much, and it is because of everyday heros, and the people who are willing to take a stand for doing the right thing that we – we're very proud to – to have this, and thank you so much. And we will make sure that you guys get one of these.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, Shirley [Sessions], just wait a minute now. I remember when we got grants that came in and we had information that came from – that came to us is that what had occurred is that we were looking for someone to administer this, and because the United Way does such a great job in our community, and we can see how many people that they have helped those that are in need, those that are sick and all kinds of different programs. They have done an outstanding job. And what occurred was that [Gregg] Shroeder set up Shirley Sessions as the Director of the Hands on Savannah, and she has done an excellent job since she's been in charge of that division. And we have with us today, I feel, the best United Way president in the entire U.S.A. and that's –

Mr. Shroeder, said, well thank you very much.

Chairman Liakakis said, – and that's Greg Shroeder, who we can see his leadership since he has come on board to expand many things with the United Way has done along with their Board and volunteers and made, as I said before, so many great things and so many support for many of our people and organizations in our community. Thank you Shirley [Sessions] and on behalf of the Chatham County Commission and also to you Gregg [Shroeder] for the wonderful work that you have had with our United Way.

Ms. Sessions said, and we'll make sure you get one of these –

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Ms. Sessions said, each of you guys.

Mr. Shroeder said, and let me just say we will probably display this –

Ms. Sessions said, yes.

Mr. Shroeder said, – right in the public halls of the United Way, and our deepest thanks to Chatham County.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you.

Ms. Sessions said, thank you for being a partner.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you. [Applause].

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2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2011, AS POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY. ROB TAYLOR WILL BE RECEIVING.

Chairman Liakakis said, next on the agenda is a proclamation declaring Friday, September the 16th, 2011, as POW-MIA recognition day. Rob Taylor will be receiving, and Commissioner Patrick Farrell will present the proclamation. And Rob [Taylor], if you would like to have anybody else that's with you here today also to come forth.

Mr. Rob Taylor said, this is Lionel Marmolego, he's our State President of Vietnam Veterans of America.

Commissioner Farrell said, good morning.

Chairman Liakakis and Members of the Board said, good morning.

Commissioner Farrell read the proclamation as follows:



WHEREAS, Chatham County and all of its citizens join the Nation in honoring the memories of all our Prisoners-of-War (POWs) and all of our soldiers Missing-in-Action on this very special POW-MIA Recognition Day; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Vietnam Veterans of America-Savannah Chapter 671, along with their friends and families, will be holding their annual recognition to honor the 87,483 POW-MIAs who remain unaccounted for, as well as those former POW-MIAs who have faithfully returned; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., the American POW-MIA flags will be proudly flown above the Vietnam Memorial in Emmett Park in salute of the former POWs from the Chatham County area; and

WHEREAS, in observing POW-MIA Recognition Day, Vietnam Veterans of America-Savannah Chapter 671 is helping to keep alive the memories of and prayers for those 1, 684 POW-MIAs still unaccounted for.

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

POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY

in Chatham County as we honor the memories of the 3,347 POW-MIAs from World War I; 74,213 from World War II; 8,039 from the Korea War; 1,773 from the War in Vietnam; 107 from the Cold War, and 4 from the War on Terror. In recognition of the 87,483 husbands, sons, and fathers - LEST WE FORGET, and ask all citizens to join in thanking and in paying very special tribute to all POW-MIAs for the sacrifices they made to their nation - The United States of America.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 16th day of September, 2011.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

Commissioner Farrell said, and with that, concludes the reading of this proclamation. I will now present it to the proper folks. Thank you. [Applause.]

Mr. Taylor said, thank you. I want to thank the Commission for this proclamation today, and I also want to give you a couple statistics that we've got recently from September 2nd. There are now 1683 Americans listed by the Defense POW-MIA missing personnel office as missing or unaccounted for from the Vietnam War. Since – the number of Americans returned and identified since the end of the war in 1975 is now 900. In July of this year, the federal government cut all funding to look for our – the remains of our fellow soldiers in Vietnam. We're trying at this time through the – the Senate to get these funds reinstated. All the – all the teams who were out all over the place were called back in, and time is running out as far as finding the remains of these servicemen because they use a lot of the village people in Vietnam who can still remember where crash sites were, and just – time is running out fast for the recovery on these – on these soldiers. But I'd like to thank the Commission again for this proclamation. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you Rob [Taylor], and we appreciate what your organization does and especially a couple of times a year to recognize those that are missing in action and also our veterans also. And to you, you know, who are the State President, Mr. Marmolego, has done an outstanding job. They recognized that State-wide, and that's why he is the president of the Vietnam organization for the State of Georgia now. But again, we can see if people come to that Memorial Service there on Bay Street in the park, they can see quite a number of people that come there every year to pay reverence and to remember them. So thank you both for that commitment.

Mr. Taylor said, thank you.

Mr. Lionel Marmolego said, thank you.

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CHATHAM YOUTH COMMISSION

Chairman Liakakis said, what I'd like to do before we go to the next item, I'd like to recognize some – three of our Chatham Youth Commissioners here today. On my left we have Briana Polite, who's the secretary of the Youth Commission, and she's representing Windsor Forest High School; and in the middle is Eric Brantley, who is Chairman now and is also representing Jenkins High School. On his left is Joseph Drought, who is the vice-Chairman of the Youth Commission, and he's representing Benedictine Military School. Glad to have the three of you here this morning.

Ms. Briana Polite said, thank you.

Mr. Eric Brantley said, thank you.

Mr. Joseph Drought said, thank you.

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3. CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION SWEARING IN FOR THE 2011-2012 TERM.

Chairman Liakakis said, and now, next on the agenda, is the Chatham County Youth Commission swearing in for the year 2011-20 term, and we'll have Van Johnson, who is the director for the County for this Youth Commission to speak.

Mr. Van Johnson said, thank – thank you, Mr. Chairman, Dr. Thomas, Commissioner Stone, gentlemen. Last night we had the opportunity to hang out with some heros. The Chairman and I and the Youth Commissioners were at Hunter Army Airfield with the Patriot Day Observance out there with members of our military, of our police and our fire departments, and we wanted to impress upon the young people that heros are certainly something that they are the beneficiaries of, when we look at September the 11th. And heroes are made by preparation, and heroes are made by service, and heroes are made by circumstance, and heroes are made by sacrifice. And these young people who were only five or six years old when September 11th, 2001 came about, I don't think really got the gravity of all that occurred, but certainly will be the beneficiaries of the massive sacrifices of that day. We want to teach them that you can't Facebook freedom, and you cannot tweet service. It has to be received the old-fashioned way, that they have to earn it. And thus, we proudly present to you today the 20th edition of the Chatham County Youth Commission.

Mr. Johnson said, among these, we've had over – we had hundreds of inquiries of young people and parents that wanted to be a part. As you know, we certainly can't take everyone. We had 25 to make our candidacy process, and as of today, only 15 of them remain. Also very interesting as the Chairman just pointed out, we have our first male Chair and our first male Vice-Chair. So it shows the young ladies are finally voting for guys, so that's a – a good thing. You'll also see that we have more males than we've ever had before. And by this – end of this month, all of our young people would have participated in the Step Up Poverty Reduction, which we think is very important as we address the issues of poverty. And all of our young people, all of them, are CPR and First Aid certified, and that is something that we feel is very important in the cases that they might have to step up and be heroes. Our candidates spent their entire summer with us. They certainly prepared; they certainly provided service; they had to learn about their county; they had to learn about you; they had to learn about the circumstances and the issues you face every single day. They had to learn about the county budget. They had to give service in ways that they had never imagined. They had to go around our community and learn about their community, and boy did they have to sacrifice. Some sacrificed fun times with their friends, some sacrificed family vacations from time to time from what I understood, but this was something that they really wanted. And we were really hard on them. We were very hard on them. Probably – some parents would probably say too hard sometimes, but we realized in order to keep a world class organization, we have to have world class processes, and when it is all said and done we have young people that we think will serve this community well.

Mr. Johnson said, I – I certainly have to thank Mr. Abolt who has been with us from day one, and it was interesting that when he spoke with them the other day, that the Youth Commissioners he spoke to 20 years ago are now almost 40 years old, just like me. I also have to thank Mr. Kaigler, for his – for his support and certainly a wonderful staff of caring and committed professionals in Debra Allen, Marilyn Rodriguez, Takiyah Martin, our graduate advisor, ZaDonna Slay, Pete Nichols, who is behind the controls, and certainly our partners in progress, our parents, who have entrusted their young people to us for now the rest of their lives. They won't get them back. We – we – we keep them. So would all

the parents, grandparents, godparents and – and friends of these young people please stand and be recognized.

[Applause]. Thank you so much. So Mr. Chairman, Dr. Thomas, if you would come down and we can administer the oath of office to these young people.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right, and Van [Johnson], I have to represent the County –

Mr. Johnson said, yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, – they're having a special 9/11 first responders for the police and fire fighters in our community. I have to go to the police department right now, and Commissioner Priscilla Thomas, she will go and take over the meeting, and I want to tell everybody thank you very much again for coming today. And prayfully we won't have another 9/11 in this country if we keep our military strong, 'cause that's really important. It's costly for the protection of our country to have our military there and standing by in case something was to happen or to intervene when it's necessary to protect the freedom of all the people of our country. And so we ask you if you will do this, when you see that funding is coming down where it's going to be cut for the military in any way and also for Veterans' benefits, to please do whatever you can. Make phone calls to the representatives and senators, send letters, send emails, and do whatever you can because if we have enough people in this country to realize that – how important our military is than it can make a difference, if people speak out and do the things that's necessary. And all of you here are important and you can help make a difference. Thank you.

Mr. Johnson said, thank you, Mr. Chairman, as well. [Applause].

Commissioner Thomas said, I'm going to ask the Chairman Pro Tem to accompany me down there.

Mr. Johnson said, and I'll introduce the young people.

	<u>SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>TERM</u>
CHAIR:			
Mr. Eric Brantley	Jenkins High	SR	3rd
VICE CHAIR:			
Mr. Joseph Drought	Benedictine Military	SR	3rd
SECRETARY:			
Ms. Briana Polite	Windsor Forest High	JR	2nd
PARLIAMENTARIAN:			
Ms. Charvian Williams	Johnson High	SR	2nd
EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:			
Mr. Briyona Brack	Savannah Arts Academy	SR	3rd
Ms. Nia Dawson	Savannah Arts Academy	JR	2nd
Ms. Alexis Parker	St. Vincent's Academy	JR	2nd
MEMBER			
Ms. Brianna Adams	Johnson High	JR	2nd
Mr. Lamar Ballard	Islands High	SO	1st
Ms. Philiseah Bell	Calvary Day	SR	1st
Ms. Emily Bermudez	St. Vincent's Academy	JR	2nd
Ms. Portia Bosco	Windsor Forest High	SR	3rd
Mr. Marcus Brown	Benedictine Military	JR	1st
Ms. Shakira Bush	Groves High	JR	2nd
Ms. Victoria Conley	Bible Baptist	SR	2nd
Ms. Jaylah Diggs	Jenkins High	SO	1st
Mr. James Flowers	Johnson High	SO	1st
Ms. Gabrielle Gardner	Savannah Early College	SO	1st
Mr. Victor Gonzales	Jenkins High	SO	1st
Mr. Jared Grant	Savannah Arts	JR	2nd
Ms. Khadijah Green	Savannah Arts	SR	3rd
Ms. Mikelyn Green	Calvary Day	JR	2nd
Ms. Claire Hammond	Savannah Arts	JR	2nd
Mr. Calvin Harrison	Calvary Day	SO	1st
Ms. Jasmine Henderson	Groves High	SR	2nd
Mr. Matthew Hodge	Savannah High	JR	2nd
Ms. Mallorie Holmes	Windsor Forest High	JR	2nd
Mr. Christopher Howard	Jenkins High	SO	1st
Ms. Gabrielle Hunter	St. Vincent's Academy	SR	2nd
Mr. Richard Jackson	Beach High	SR	3rd
Mr. Kenneth Johnson	Jenkins High	SR	3rd
Ms. Marissa Karp	Savannah Country Day	SO	1st
Ms. Avonna Kemp	Savannah High	SR	2nd
Ms. Robin Laguerre	Beach High	SR	3rd
Ms. Amanda Maner	Calvary Day	SR	1st
Ms. Brittany Miller	Savannah Arts Academy	SR	3rd
Ms. Jasmine Moran	St. Vincent's Academy	SR	2nd
Ms. Tiffany Palmares	Calvary Day	SR	1st
Ms. Lydia Peay	Savannah Christian	JR	2nd
Mr. Dionte' Samuels	Savannah Early College	SO	1st
Mr. Harry Scott	Savannah Arts	SR	3rd
Ms. Aigner Smith	Jenkins High	SR	3rd
Mr. Bryan Smith	Jenkins High	SR	3rd
Mr. Tyler Washington	Jenkins High	SO	1st
Ms. Tyhira Williams	Jenkins High	JR	1st
Ms. Samantha Zellner	Savannah High	SR	2 nd

Mr. Johnson said, ladies and gentlemen, I proudly present to you our future, our present, certainly the leaders of – of our world for years to come, the 2010-2011 – excuse me, 2011-2012 Chatham County Youth Commission. [Applause].

[Commissioner Thomas administered the oath to the Youth Commission].

Commissioner Thomas said, congratulations. I just want to say congratulations to all these fine young people who have taken the step forward to be a – a participant in the Chatham County Youth Commission's activities. I would also like to thank the parents, grandparents, or guardians who also is a part of this wonderful group of young people. To the County Commissioners, thank you for your support. You've been very supportive of these young people, and we hope that you would continue to do so. We look forward to excellent things from each and every one of you. Last but not least we'd like to thank our director, who's done an outstanding job and continues to do that. He works very, very hard. And all of the advisors, we look forward to great things in 2011 and 2012. Congratulations. [Applause].

Mr. Johnson said, and finally, and probably most importantly, I think the candidates are very happy that today was the last day they ever have to wear white a t-shirt. But they know what that means. Thank you all so much for your support. And if they could be excused, they have to go back to school. Can the parents be excused to go back to school too?

Commissioner Holmes said, have to.

Commissioner Thomas said, we'll give them a moment to do that. While they're doing that, I have not taken over the Chairman's spot, I was asked to sit here for a reason. We'll give them just a moment to exit the room.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

1. WOUNDED WARRIOR BICYCLE RACE.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, thank you very much. I will now call on Mr. Richard Barrow to come before us with his group for a presentation on the Wounded Warriors' Bicycle Race. Good morning.

Mr. Richard Barrow said, good morning. Thank you Commissioners. We're excited about being here to tell you about an upcoming event that we're going to have October for recognition of the – our Wounded Warriors. And I got Robert Bendetti is the Chairman of it. He'll come up and – and tell you about what's going on.

Mr. Robert Benedetti said, good morning.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, good morning.

Mr. Benedetti said, thank you for having us. It's a great honor to be here and appreciate all the service that you guys provide to the community. And the Wounded Warrior Project is – is about just that, recognizing service and sacrifice. And there's been 34,000 members of the armed forces that have been injured fighting for our freedoms in Iraq and Afghanistan. Citizens from all over the United States but – but obviously certainly here in Chatham County too. And one of the first things I wanted to do is recognize one of our local boys, and his name is Nick Shadowens, and he served in Iraq until a Humvee hit his – or he was hit by an IUD while driving in his Humvee. Nick [Shadowens] lost an eye and severely damaged his leg. And for bravery shown on the battlefield, Nick [Shadowens] was awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, and the Medal of Valor. And I'd like to introduce Nick Shadowens. [Applause and standing ovation].

Mr. Nick Shadowens said, thank you. I want to say it was an honor to serve for my country and for everybody in this room today. I want to thank the Wounded Warrior Project for everything they do for me and my fellow soldiers, the men and women. I want to say, it's – it's just an honor to be associated with people like this. It makes me more proud for everything that I've been through and done for my country to be associated with an organization like this. I would also like to ask everybody to keep my brother, Sergeant Michael Galardo, who is full time and serving in Iraq currently, and for all our soldiers across all of the world. Thank you. [Applause].

Vice Chairman Thomas said, thank you. We are so proud. We are so proud of you. Thank you so much for having served your country, and I'm hoping that our country will be taking care of you.

Mr. Shadowens said, thank you.

Mr. Benedetti said, I would just like to take a couple minutes to talk about an event. The brains behind our event and our event leader is Sergeant Major Estevan Sotorosado. We call him Sergeant Major Soto, and he's a Black hop – Black Hawk helicopter pilot from the 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment Airborne, and having a bicycle ride in Savannah to raise money and awareness for the Wounded Warrior project was his passion, and about three months ago he got deployed and is currently overseas serving his country. And so, Richard Barrow, Kevin Jackson, Reggie Sikes, Guy Soper, Jennifer Bendetti, myself, Robert Benedetti, also Kenny Jackson, along with Pete Liakakis have stepped up to make this recreational bicycle ride a reality. He's going to return from service about a week before the bicycle ride, so we are trying our best to – to put something on for him while he is overseas. The only problem is that none of us ride a bicycle. I think I'm actually the only one who owns one, and so, we're working with the owner of the Bicycle Link, John Skiljan and the owner of Perry Rubber Bicycle Shop, David Udinsky, and both David [Udinsky] and John [Skiljan] have been critical to our success thus far in putting together this event. And I'd also like to thank our corporate sponsors, which include the Coastal Logistics Group, EnviroVac, Alnic Design, Hargray Communications, Perry Rubber Bicycle Shop, and the Bicycle Link. And we hope to have 500 participants and raise \$10,000 for the Wounded Warrior Project. And just ask that the citizens of Savannah come out and – we'd like to call it, – it's easy to – to talk about being patriotic, but there's a verb, the action of it, is being a patriot, is going and doing something. I think the young people who were just here, they – they've shown everybody in Savannah how to take action. And so our call to action is that our event, the Savannah Unity Bicycle Ride for the Wounded Warrior Project, it's a 3-mile recreational ride, or a 30-mile ride that is more for the athletes and the soldiers. It's going to be Saturday, October 8th at 8:30 to noon. It's in downtown Savannah. We'll start on Bull Street between Liberty and Perry Lane, which is basically right next to Perry Rubber Bike Shop. And all the money – all the proceeds go to the Wounded Warrior Project. Any costs, and they are just small costs of the event, are being picked up by the Band of Brothers, which is a Christian men's Bible study, and our corporate sponsors. And then, if you're interested in registering – we have some items we'd like to give you – just some event cards, some stickers, and a brochure, but it's savwwp.com

or you can email at info@savvwp.com. So I just really appreciate the time. I really appreciate all y'all – all that you do, and thank you for letting me have a moment to talk about our event.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, thank you so very much. Commissioner Kicklighter?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. I just want to thank y'all for what you're doing, and thank you, sir, for your service. One recommendation is – I don't know, I would assume this would be legal, but maybe coordinate with Pete Nichols here and put that info on our government television channel to advertise it more. And it just hit me, maybe Pete [Nichols] could do a little segment on our government channel that pretty much promotes all of the non-profit events and all coming up. I think it would be actually interesting and help during this tough economic times where we had, you know, just ran a segment about events coming up. I know Pooler had a 5K, we've got other things coming up and – and it could help – but definitely y'all get with him and that's something else I'm talking about in the future to help other organizations. But –

County Manager Abolt said, to take advantage of the occasion you presented Mr. – Commissioner Kicklighter, if those viewing your statements would just send their announcements to my office, P. O. Box 8161, 31412 zip code, we'll do that immediately.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. Thanks for everything y'all are doing.

Mr. Benedetti said, thank you.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, thank you so very much.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you for being here.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, it's our pleasure. Thank you.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

1. OCEAN'S EXCHANGE (COMMISSIONER STONE).

Vice Chairman Thomas said, our next item on the agenda is the Ocean Exchange. Commissioner Stone?

Commissioner Stone said, thank you madam Vice Chairman. It's my pleasure and honor to introduce Howard Morrison to tell you about an event that is currently taking place in this community that has brought people from all over the world here, and I had the opportunity last evening to attend the awards banquet, and it was fascinating, absolutely fascinating what ideas and inventions these people have brought to Chatham County. So I'm going to turn it over to Mr. Morrison and thank him very much for his leadership, and his insight and his vision in getting this promoted here locally in Chatham County.

Mr. Howard Morrison said, thank you Commissioner Stone, and thank you all. It's indeed an honor to be able to come before you this morning both to give you a briefing on the Savannah Ocean Exchange and also to ask for an investment on behalf of the county in what we're doing. This was an idea a year and a half ago. It was an idea to bring people together. Both bringing people together from around the world and also bringing people together here in Savannah. What Commissioner Stone has referred to is a series of four days of events that brought people from around the world to Savannah to seek scalable, sustainable solutions to things that relate to the development of our coast around the world. A year ago we had the Governor of American Samoa with us. Over the last two or three days we've had the President of Equador. We've had the founding President of the Seychelles Islands, which if you don't remember are right off the coast – the east coast of Africa, north of Madagascar. So we're bringing people to Savannah from around the world. We had ten finalists last night. The ten finalists were from as far away as the middle east, from Europe, from the – Central America. Only one from Georgia, one from Florida, and a number from California. So we're basically putting Savannah on the map; connecting Savannah with people around the world. That's at a big picture level. At the level that's really important to me is bringing people in our community together with one another. On Tuesday this week, one of our members of our Board of Governors made a presentation at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum based on the life of General George Patton, I mean George Marshall, excuse me, that was a Freudian slip. George Marshall. George Marshall as many of you may remember was the commanding officer of Fort Screven at Tybee in 1932. He was the architect of the Marshall Plan. He was also the only general or admiral that was not allowed by Franklin Delano Roosevelt to go the overseas during the second world war. He was too valuable. He was responsible for logistics. He was the person that makes sure that our armed service people didn't run out of ammunition on Iwo Jima, that did not run out of food in North Africa, that Patton didn't outrun his fuel supply lines. Russ Abolt was able to be there. I think it was – was well attended, and you always know when something's well attended when you set up X number of chairs and then people start showing up and you have to set some more chairs up, and people keep setting up. We had to set up additional chairs three different occasions for this thing. But it represents a partnership that we have with the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum. This evening we're partnering with – with the Tourism Leadership Council, the – the – the – the Foodfest. Tomorrow we're bringing in the McIntosh County Shouters. On the 15th of the month we're dedicating a historic marker for the Cockspur Island Lighthouse at Ft. Pulaski. And that's sort of our symbol of what we're doing. It's the exchange of information between the land and the sea. If you think about what a cock – lighthouse does, it's the source of wisdom, it's the source of light, it's the source of knowledge. On the 20th we are bringing together a video and a presentation on Pin Point. We had a reception last evening with Clarence Thomas, who was in town at the Lucas. On the 20th there's a similar presentation video and lecture at the Jepson Center, which is part of the Telfair. On the 28th we are bringing together a pirate's event at the Pirate's House. And if you think about it it was pirates that financed the coast. They were the people that brought gold bouillon to the coast. The local merchants loved it when the pirates came to town. They were the only people that could pay in gold bouillon. Everybody – they came in, they – they – they brought the gold bouillon, they bought too much liquor, they did some things they shouldn't have done, and then they went back to resupply.

Mr. Morrison said, but my point is that we're doing things with art organizations; we're doing things with food organizations; we're doing things with the historical society in terms of historic markers; we're doing things with the Mighty Eighth; with the Savannah Music Festival. We're doing things with anybody that we can do business with and the whole reason for doing this is to get people in Savannah to work together. It's all about partnerships. It's all about getting people to work together, yes, around the world, but most importantly to get people in our community. We have wonderful things going on. The Mighty Eighth is tremendous. The lighthouse at Tybee, at Cockspur Island is great. We have lots of wonderful things going on in our coast and in our county. I want them to work together because my arithmetic, ladies and gentlemen, one and one has got to be more than just two and when people work together arm in arm, one and one is more than two every time, and I'm trying to get one and one to be more than just two. We've tried to touch as many organizations in the – in this community as we could. Have we touched everybody? No. Are we gonna try to do better next year? Absolutely. And we're gonna to try to do better the year after? Absolutely. This was an idea a year and a half ago. Today I come before you and it's reality. And front of each one of you, I hope, is a little brochure that describes the 30 events that we're doing for the public, most of which are free. They cost us money, but they are free to the public. We want to engage the average citizen in the community and give them an opportunity to connect with their roots, to connect with their past, to connect with the present, and frankly to change their behavior in the future.

Mr. Morrison said, as a result I'd love to ask – I would like to ask you to consider an investment, not an expenditure, an investment in this project of \$25,000. I know that's a lot of money, but I will say to you that Gulfstream has put up \$150,000, including a \$100,000 prize that was given last night. I will tell you that – that Coca-Cola has put up \$25,000. I will tell you that Cathy Hill at Savannah Electric and Power, now Georgia Power, has put up \$25,000. Wallenius Wilhelmsen, who has a lot – large portion of their shipping back office – logistics back office here put up the same amount. My family has put up \$25,000. So I'm not going to ask you to do anything that I'm not willing to do myself. I'm going to try to put my money where my mouth is, and I'd ask – like to ask you to invest in the community by helping to bring our community together. At this point in time I'd be pleased to respond to any questions that any of you may have.

Commission Stone said, Madam Vice Chairman I think the – the City of Savannah has also contributed to this, is that correct, Mr. Morrison?

Mr. Morrison said, yes. They – they contributed \$25,000 as well.

Commissioner Stone said, well then I would like to make a motion that we make an investment in this Ocean Exchange of \$25,000.

Commissioner Farrell said, second.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, okay. There's been a motion and a second. All in favor of the motion?

Commissioner Odell said, point of clarification?

Vice Chairman Thomas said, question?

Commissioner Odell said, Mr. Abolt?

County Manager Abolt said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Odell said, where would this 25,000 come from?

County Manager Abolt said, take it out of contingency. We would look at it from the standpoint of a contract for service and with the commitment which Mr. Morrison has already made, and all this is open to the public and will have benefit in years to come.

Commissioner Odell said, I – I – I agree with the program. My concern is, can we act on it today as far as awarding that expenditure or should it be placed on the Action Calendar?

County Manager Abolt said, you – you – you can – you can do it today. We will consummate it with a contract with Mr. Morrison's operation. It would guarantee full access to the public and to in effect make sure – this is not a donation or a gift, it's an investment.

Commissioner Odell said, no, I think it's an excellent idea. I think –

Commissioner Stone said, I think it's tremendous.

Commissioner Odell said, it's an excellent idea.

Mr. Morrison said, thank you, sir.

Commissioner Stone said, Mr. Morrison, before we vote, if you could indulge me, could you tell – for the – for the citizens here and the citizens listening, the invention that won last night. It was just fabulous.

Mr. Morrison said, yeah, the – the – we had ten – well let me back up and – and ask – answer Commissioner Stone in a little bit longer fashion. We had submissions of solutions from all over the world. Nancy Knowlton who is the Senior Marine Scientist at the Smithsonian Institution pulled together a group of people from around the world that evaluated all of these proposals. We actually put 25 or 30 on our website, including the ten winners. Or – and – and I consider all of them – of the people that were there last night winners. They were totally diverse. They were all over the place. They were mine growth. They were people that were looking at barrier island restoration, artificial reefs, but the one that won last night is a underwater monitoring device that uses the wave energy for its energy propulsion, the fact that the waves go up and down. This autonomous vehicle that doesn't require onboard power other than the – the motion that creates the – the energy, and it basically monitors things that are going on under the water. It may be fisheries, it's the kind of thing the military could use, it's the kind of thing that NOAA could use, the – the National Marine Sanctuaries could use. It's a marvelous invention, but it's collecting data, and one of the things that I'm interested in as a human being is I'm interested in changing behavior. But we've got to change behavior based on good information, and what this does is it collects good information that we can make available broadly and widely so that we can change human behavior.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, any further discussion? Commissioner Kicklighter?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. Thank you. No doubt a great organization. You're doing great work. I just want to remind this Board that it was a short time ago that we had two budget alternatives presented to us, one was a tax increase to the citizens, the other was laying off approximately 100 and something employees. \$25,000 here; \$50,000 a little later on on the agenda requested to support a Rock 'N' Roll Marathon. \$75,000, that's several or at least a few jobs. Again, great if we had an endless supply of money I'd be on board with every good thing out there which is – a huge chunk of non-profits are doing good work for the community, and, you know, again, this is great but I just want to warn my fellow Commissioners that Pandora's Box is opening here and definitely coming up with the \$50,000 for the Marathon, and – although we just passed a budget another one's going to roll around next year, and we're going to be faced in my opinion with a tax increase again or laying off several people. So I just caution to – warn – I just warn about unnecessary expenses at this time and – and this, although a wonderful project, is a unnecessary expense. So, thank you.

Mr. Morrison said, may I respond to that Commissioner Kicklighter? I – I absolutely –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, absolutely.

Mr. Morrison said, – no, I absolutely agree with your points. They're very well taken. I agree with you. I think the thing that makes this somewhat unique or quite unique is that it is run – it runs over a 30-day period the entire month of September; it partners with many other organizations; it's free and open to the public, and it's not just one event and one narrow silo, but it's many silos and connecting those many silos together. But your point's very well taken, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes, sir. I – and – I understand. Again great work. I believe I read the other day where one of the non-profits that protects I believe women that were abused by their husbands had to shut down. Some - one of the major non-profits and they could have used \$25,000 that may have kept a woman from getting killed in the future. Again, there's many, many, many good non-profits out there that could use the funding, so I caution about opening this box – that – that we're opening here, but again, great work. If it – if we had a endless supply of money I'd – I'd vote to give you \$50,000, but we don't. So –

Mr. Morrison said, I'd take it.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, – yes, sir. Thank y'all.

Mr. Morrison said, but I'm not asking for that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I know that.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, any further discussion? Clearly none. I call for the question. And please go on the board. How many of us?

Mr. Morrison said, you got to push harder Pat [Farrell].

Commissioner Farrell said, my button won't work.

Commissioner Holmes said, hit – hit reset. There you go.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, motions carry.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, thank you. Thank you, sir.

Mr. Morrison said, I appreciate very much your investment in the community, and Commissioner Kicklighter, I understand exactly where you're coming from, no problem at all, sir. But this is a good investment for the community, and I think that to the extent that any of you can participate in any of these free events, including a military band performance in Forsyth Park on the Sunday afternoon the 18th. It's – it's worth thinking about it and participating in, and I – sort of like drinking Coca-Cola, I can tell you how good Coca-Cola tastes, and it's in a green bottle, and it mixes well with other things, but until you taste the Coca-Cola you don't really know what it's all about it. So, my encouragement to you would be go taste the Coca-Cola this month, see if you like it. I wish you'd been able to be out at the Mighty Eighth on – on Tuesday this week. That was really a great lecture on General George Marshall. But thank you all for your consideration.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, thank you, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to make an investment in the Ocean Exchange for \$25,000. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion and it carried in a 5-2 vote. Commissioners Stone, Holmes, Farrell, Odell and Thomas voted yes. Commissioners Gellatly and Kicklighter voted no. [NOTE: Chairman Liakakis and Commissioner Shay were not present for the vote].

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CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Vice Chairman Thomas said, okay, now we will recess as County Commission and convene as Chatham Area Transit Authority.

The Board recessed as the County Commission at 10:20 a.m., and convened as the Chatham Area Transit Authority.

Following adjournment of the Chatham Area Transit Authority, the Board reconvened at 10:35 a.m., as the County Commission.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

Vice Chairman Thomas said, okay, we'll now reconvene as the County Commission and we do not have any Tabled or Reconsiderat – 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: FISCAL YEAR 2011 ADJUSTMENTS FOR FUND CLOSINGS AND YEAR END CLOSING FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: 1) IN THE GENERAL FUND M&O (a) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$5,000 FOR PROBATE COURT FILING FEES, (b) APPROPRIATE \$50,000 FUND BALANCE COMMITTED TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, (c) TRANSFER \$9,200 FROM COOPERATIVE EXTENSION TO THE BAMBOO FARM, and (d) TRANSFER \$4,000 FROM CONTINGENCY TO THE BAMBOO FARM, (2) AMEND THE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND TO INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$35,000 FOR JCA RESTRICTED FUNDS, (3) TRANSFER \$950 FROM THE POLICE VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO THE CNT VEHICLES PROJECT IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND, AND (4) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES IN THE SHERIFF CONFISCATED FUNDS BY \$44,430 FUND BALANCE AND TRANSFER \$84,855 FROM SHERIFF CONTINGENCY TO SHERIFF EXPENDITURES; FISCAL YEAR 2012: (1) IN THE GENERAL FUND M&O (a) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES TO RECOGNIZE THE ROLL-FORWARD OF 2011 ENCUMBRANCE BALANCES OF \$1,532,880, (2) SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND, INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES TO RECOGNIZE THE ROLL-FORWARD OF 2011 ENCUMBRANCE BALANCES OF \$163,457, (3) IN THE CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND (a) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES TO RECOGNIZE THE ROLL-FORWARD OF 2011 ENCUMBRANCE BALANCES OF \$69,125, AND (b) TRANSFER \$83,790 FROM CNT CONTINGENCY TO CNT EXPENDITURES, (4) INCREASE THE MULTIPLE GRANT FUND BUDGET \$107,104 FOR A GRANT AWARDED TO THE SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY DRUG COURT AND \$3,288,175 FOR GRANT AWARDS CONTINUING FROM FY2011, and (5) INCREASE THE DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGET \$6,000 FUND BALANCE FOR FISCAL AGENT FEES.**

Vice Chairman Thomas said, we will go to Items for Individual Action. And I guess I need to read it to go into the Minutes. To request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: fiscal year 2011 adjustments for fund closings and year end closing for financial statements: 1) in the General Fund M&O (a) increase revenues and expenditures \$5,000 for Probate Court filing fees, (b) appropriate \$50,000 fund balance committed to Emergency Management to Emergency Management, (c) transfer \$9,200 from Cooperative Extension to the Bamboo Farm, and (d) transfer \$4,000 from contingency to the Bamboo Farm, (2) amend the Special Service District Fund to increase revenues and expenditures \$35,000 for JCA Restricted Funds, (3) transfer \$950 from the Police Vehicle Replacement project to the CNT Vehicles project in the Capital Improvement Program Fund, and (4) increase revenues and expenditures in the Sheriff Confiscated Funds by \$44,430 fund balance and transfer \$84,855 from Sheriff Contingency to Sheriff Expenditures; Fiscal Year 2012: (1) in the General Fund M&O (a) increase revenues and expenditures to recognize the roll-forward of 2011 encumbrance balances of \$1,532,880, (2) Special Service District Fund, increase revenues and expend – expenditures to recognize the roll-forward of 2011 encumbrance balances of \$163,457, (3) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund (a) increase revenues and expenditures to recognize the roll-forward of 2011 encumbrance balances of \$69,125 thousand – \$125, and (b) transfer \$83,790 from CNT contingency to CNT expenditures, (4) increase the Multiple Grant Fund budget \$107,104 for a grant awarded to the Savannah-Chatham County Drug Court and \$3,288,175 for grant awards continuing from FY2011, and (5) increase the Debt Service Fund Budget \$6,000 fund balance for fiscal agent fees. Do I hear a motion?

Commissioner Odell said, move for approval.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, all in favor of the motion let it be known by going on the board. Motion is carried. Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the following budget amendments and transfers: fiscal year 2011 adjustments for fund closings and year end closing for financial statements: 1) in the General Fund M&O (a) increase revenues and expenditures \$5,000 for Probate Court filing fees, (b) appropriate \$50,000 fund balance committed to Emergency Management to Emergency Management, (c) transfer \$9,200 from Cooperative Extension to the Bamboo Farm, and (d) transfer \$4,000 from contingency to the Bamboo Farm, (2) amend the Special Service District Fund to increase revenues and expenditures \$35,000 for JCA Restricted Funds, (3) transfer \$950 from the Police Vehicle Replacement project to the CNT Vehicles project in the Capital Improvement Program Fund, and (4) increase revenues and expenditures in the Sheriff Confiscated Funds by \$44,430 fund balance and transfer \$84,855 from Sheriff Contingency to Sheriff Expenditures; Fiscal Year 2012: (1) in the General Fund M&O (a) increase revenues and expenditures to recognize the roll-forward of 2011 encumbrance balances of \$1,532,880, (2) Special Service District Fund, increase revenues and expenditures to recognize the roll-forward of 2011 encumbrance balances of \$163,457, (3) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund (a) increase revenues and expenditures to recognize the roll-forward of 2011 encumbrance balances of \$69,125, and (b) transfer \$83,790 from CNT contingency to CNT expenditures, (4) increase the Multiple Grant Fund budget \$107,104 for a grant awarded to the Savannah-Chatham County Drug Court and \$3,288,175 for grant awards continuing from FY2011, and (5) increase the Debt Service Fund Budget \$6,000 fund balance for fiscal agent fees. Commissioners Holmes and Stone seconded the motion and it carried in a 6-1 vote. Commissioners Stone, Holmes, Farrell, Odell, Gellatly and Thomas voted yes. Commissioner Kicklighter voted no. [NOTE: Chairman Liakakis and Commissioner Shay were not present for the vote].

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1**AGENDA DATE: September 9, 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: fiscal year 2011 adjustments for fund closings and year end closing for financial statements: 1) in the General Fund M&O (a) increase revenues and expenditures \$5,000 for Probate Court filing fees, (b) appropriate \$50,000 fund balance committed to Emergency Management to Emergency Management, (c) transfer \$9,200 from Cooperative Extension to the Bamboo Farm, and (d) transfer \$4,000 from contingency to the Bamboo Farm, (2) amend the Special Service District Fund to increase revenues and amend the Special Service District Fund to increase revenues and expenditures \$35,000 for JCA Restricted Funds, (3) transfer \$950 from the Police Vehicle Replacement project to the CNT Vehicles project in the Capital Improvement Program Fund, and (4) increase revenues and expenditures in the Sheriff Confiscated Funds by \$44,430 fund balance and transfer \$84,855 from Sheriff Contingency to Sheriff Expenditures; Fiscal Year 2012: (1) in the General Fund M&O (a) increase revenues and expenditures to recognize the roll-forward of 2011 encumbrance balances of \$1,532,880, (2) Special Service District Fund, increase revenues and expenditures to recognize the roll-forward of 2011 encumbrance balances of \$163,457, (3) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund (a) increase revenues and expenditures to recognize the roll-forward of 2011 encumbrance balances of \$69,125, and (b) transfer \$83,790 from CNT contingency to CNT expenditures, (4) increase the Multiple Grant Fund budget \$107,104 for a grant awarded to the Savannah-Chatham County Drug Court and \$3,288,175 for grant awards continuing from FY2011, and (5) increase the Debt Service Fund Budget \$6,000 fund balance for fiscal agent fees.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. A portion of the fees collected by Probate Court is paid out to other agencies. The revenues and corresponding expenditures for the court in fiscal year 2011 have exceeded the budget. An amendment to the General Fund M&O FY 2011 budget to recognize the additional revenue is attached. The amount is \$5,000.
2. The Board of Commissioners approved a modification to the County's financial reporting structure at its meeting held June 24, 2011. This action included listing Chatham Emergency Management as a public safety function in the General Fund M&O in FY2011. Actual expenditures require the use of \$50,000 fund balance committed to Emergency Management. A resolution is attached.
3. Fiscal 2011 expenditures for the Bamboo Farm exceeded budget by \$13,200. This was the result of a contractual payment in Other Purchased Services. The Cooperative Extension budget has a remaining balance of \$9,200 available for transfer. A \$4,000 transfer from contingency is requested.
4. Revenue from surcharges on Recorder's Court fines exceeded budget in fiscal 2011 by \$35,000. These are restricted revenues that are transferred to the General Fund M&O. The transfer shows as an expense in the Special Service District fund. A resolution to amend the FY2011 Special Service District budget for the additional revenue is attached.
5. The CNT Vehicles project in the Capital Improvement Program fund is over budget by \$950. The Police Vehicle Replacement project has funds available. A transfer between the two projects is requested.
6. The Sheriff's Confiscated funds are being recorded in a separate special revenue fund in FY2011. Actual revenues and expenditures have been recorded and require a budget amendment to increase revenues and expenditures by \$44,430 fund balance and transfer \$84,855 from contingency. A resolution is attached.
7. A portion of the fund balance in the General Fund M&O, the Confiscated Revenue Fund, and the Special Service District Fund is reserved at year end for purchase orders and contracts that have been issued but not paid. Funds are carried forward to the current fiscal year to cover these open

commitments. The FY2012 items 1a, 2, and 3a in the Issue statement amend the current budgets. Resolutions are attached.

8. The Counter Narcotics Team Director has requested use of \$83,790 in Confiscated funds in FY2012. A contingency transfer is required. Correspondence is attached.
9. The Savannah-Chatham County Drug Court has received a grant award of \$107,104. Chatham County has a number of active grants that cross fiscal years 2011 and 2012. These grants amount to \$3,288,175. A resolution to amend the Multiple Grant Fund budget for FY2012 is attached. The total amendment is \$3,395,279.
10. The Finance Director has requested an amendment to the Debt Service Fund to increase the budget \$5,000 fund balance for fiscal agent fees. A resolution is attached.

FUNDING: Funds are available in the General Fund M&O, Confiscated Revenue and Capital Improvement Program budgets for the transfers. The budget amendments will establish funding in the General Fund M&O, Special Service District, Confiscated Revenue, Capital Improvement Program, and Multiple Grant funds.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the following:

GENERAL FUND M&O FY2011

- a) Increase revenues and expenditures \$5,000 for Probate Court Filing Fees,
- b) Appropriate \$50,000 fund balance committed to Emergency Management to Emergency Management,
- c) Transfer \$9,200 from Cooperative Extension to the Bamboo Farm,
- d) Transfer \$4,000 from Contingency to the Bamboo Farm.

SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND FY2011

Increase revenues and expenditures \$35,000 for restricted court fees.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND FY2011

Transfer \$950 from the Police Vehicle Replacement project to the CNT Vehicles project.

SHERIFF CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND FY2011

- a) Increase revenues and expenditures \$44,430 fund balance,
- b) Transfer \$84,855 from Sheriff Contingency to Sheriff Expenditures.

GENERAL FUND M&O FY2012

Increase revenues and expenditures to recognize the roll-forward of 2011 encumbrance balances of \$1,532,880.

SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND FY2012

Increase revenues and expenditures to recognize the roll-forward of 2011 encumbrance balances of \$163,457.

CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND FY2012

- a) Increase revenues and expenditures to recognize the roll-forward of 2011 encumbrance balances of \$69,125,
- b) Transfer \$83,790 from CNT Contingency to CNT Expenditures.

MULTIPLE GRAND FUND FY2012

- a) Increase revenues and expenditures \$107,104 for a grant awarded to the Savannah-Chatham County Drug Court
- b) Increase revenues and expenditures \$3,288,175 for grant awards continuing from FY2011.

DEBT SERVICE FUND FY2012

Increase revenues and expenditures \$6,000 fund balance for fiscal agent fees.

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. INFORMATION REPORT ON AVAILABILITY OF COUNTY YOUTH FOOTBALL PROGRAMS.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, number two, information report on availability of County youth football programs. Russ [Abolt]?

County Manager Abolt said, yes, Dr. Thomas, Commissioner Stone, gentlemen, this is just an information report as the – the Vice Chairman has indicated based on discussion you had two weeks ago. In my opinion we – there was a very productive meeting held yesterday with Commissioners Holmes, Farrell and my staff. Unless there’s further questions, we just submit it as information.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, okay.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2
AGENDA DATE: September 9, 2011

TO: Board of Commissioners
 THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
 FROM: Robert W. Drewry, Director of Public Works and Park Services
Issue: Provide Board information on the availability of County youth football programs.

Background: Staff hopes to clarify issues surrounding youth football programs.

The fee schedule in the Revenue Ordinance outlines two options for recreation programs; 1- Sports Entry Fee, and 2- Sports and Parks Space Fee. The County sponsors a recreation program for youth soccer, youth football, youth baseball, youth softball and Middle School baseball. All teams that participate in a County sponsored program pay an entry fee. Attached is a matrix of County services (Attachment page 3) that are provided for County sponsored recreation programs. The County collected \$38,845 in entry fees for the last 12 months for these listed County sponsored programs.

For the purpose of this report and according to the departmental Athletic Procedure Manual, all other programs are considered private and in order to reserve a County owned and maintained facility for an event, the user pays a space fee. This fee should be applied to private league games, private tournaments, clinics and camps. The attached matrix (Attachment page 3) outlines the County services that are provided for Sports and Park Space Fee. It is staff's intent to apply the space fee equally to all private organizations.

Facts and Findings:

1. The Pirates Organization and the Talahi Tigers organization are existing well run private organizations with 11 total teams that specifically use the Charlie Brooks Park for their home field. Each of these organizations sponsor a team for each of the standard age groups (8 years old and under, 10 and under and 12 and under). They are a part of a parent organization that includes travel teams from Effingham County, Pooler, Bloomingdale, Garden City, Richmond Hill and Bluffton just to name a few. They have not been charged a space fee. Historically, these organizations choose to remain separate from the County sponsored recreation program so that they can remain autonomous and continue to play other teams in the parent program.
2. Last season, the County sponsored youth football recreation program was composed of 29 teams and they were divided by the standard age groups (6 year old and under, 8 and under, 10 and under and 12 and under). These teams chose to enroll into the County sponsored program and each of these teams provide their own coaches and players. In order to be in the County program, each team pays a Sports Entry Fee of \$150 and receive the County services outlined in the attachment. The County sponsored youth football program primarily play their games at AMBUC Park and Memorial Stadium. There is no County sponsored youth football program at Charlie Brooks Park.
3. The two private youth football programs protested staff's initiative to assess the Sports and Park Space Fee. A compromise was reached that would recognize the two private teams as County sponsored youth football programs and pay the entry fee of \$150 per team. Attached is a matrix of County services (Attachment page 3) for this program. This compromise will insure a football program on the islands and allow these programs to call Charlie Brooks Park their home field.
4. Staff could not recommend any other compromise without amending the Revenue Ordinance.
5. There has been some concern about this being referred to as a temporary arrangement. The term "temporary" came out during the last Board meeting. A temporary program was not discussed with either of the two organizations. The context was whether or not staff would be involved in preparing a game schedule for the football games. The game schedule is prepared by their parent organizations and there is little staff can do to the 2011 football schedule. Staff hopes to be involved in the scheduling of games for the 2012 football season. It is in that context when staff referred to "temporary."
6. It is not staff's intent to treat any organization differently. It was a compromise staff reached with the two organizations.

Funding: Under the Revenue Ordinance the County has collected over \$15,000 in the last 12 months in space fees and anticipates an additional \$30,000.

Policy Statement: New recreation programs and modifications to existing programs are made from time to time at staff level to fit the needs of the community without Board approval.

Recommendations: For Board Information.

Youth Football Programs

County Services	County Sponsored	Private Sponsored	Talahi Tiger/Pirates
FEES PAID	\$150 entry fee per team	\$50 space fee	\$150 entry fee per team
Game Scheduling	X		(see note)
Field Scheduling	X	X	X
Officials	X		X
Trophies	X		X (see note)
Equipment (footballs)	X		X
Field Maintenance	X	X	X
Trash Clean up	X	X	X
Utilities	X	X	X

Staff On Site Assistance	X	X	X
Restroom Clean Up	X	X	X
Field Preparation	X	X	X

NOTE: The Talahi Tigers and the Pirates Organization will set games schedules for 2011 with their parent organization and they chose to supplement the standard County issued trophies.

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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.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, all right, we'll now move to the Action Calendar. First approval of the Minutes of the Regular meeting of August 26, 2011 as mailed.

County Manager Abolt said, it's – it's just the calendar. Just – just a motion to adopt the calendar.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I would like to pull 4-A –

Vice Chairman Thomas said, number 4?

Commissioner Kicklighter said – and 4-B.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, okay. 4-A and 4-B.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, never mind. Not A.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, not A?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, no, ma'am.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, just 4-B.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, 4-B? Anyone else?

Commissioner Odell said, I make a motion to approve the balance of the calendar.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

County Manager Abolt said, and – with – with your permission to perfect the Minutes, we've already requested and shows on your most recent agenda, Item G on the purchasing report has been removed.

Commissioner Thomas said, oh, yes. Thank you. All in favor with that said, please go on the Board. Motion is carried. Thank you.

As to Item 4-B:

Vice Chairman Thomas said, now we go back to number B.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes, ma'am.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, confirm sponsorship for the Rock 'N' Roll Marathon. Special Projects.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. On the staff report it says Issue: request board confirmation of its sponsorship through the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce Visit slash Visit Savannah for the Rock 'N' Roll Marathon. Is it done through the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce because it's illegal to actually donate straight to a non-profit?

County Manager said, it – it – what it is, sir, and this was – the Chairman was approached last spring to in effect make this event possible and – and seek county participation via dollars, so we did put \$50,000 in the budget. But you're right on. It – it – it's not – it could not – never be a donation, but we can contract with the Chamber of Commerce to in effect present, promote – not promote but to – to sponsor events of this magnitude. It – I cannot give you a parallel that immediately comes to mind but we have done it in the past. We – we did it during the Olympics, you know, we've done it repeatedly.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay, so that – that leads into my next question you may have just answered it. Background: Chatham County committed to serve as one of the local government sponsors of the Rock 'N' Roll Marathon, an event – does Chatham County mean the Chairman committed \$50,000 or did this Board commit it?

County Manager Abolt said, the Chairman committed it in – when he was – when he was approached by the sponsors of the board, though I realize it's a small item in your budget of 600 and some million dollars, it was in the budget document. That's all.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, but we never – this Board never approved it?

County Manager Abolt said, you're approving it now, sir.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, now? Okay. So background on here is a bit misleading at best because Chatham

County never committed to serve as one of the local government sponsors in the amount of \$50,000, the Chairman committed on its – his own. Facts and Findings: as part of the package for the community to compete for the Rock 'N' Roll Marathon, a licensed event with national venues, Chatham County committed to join the City of Savannah and Trade Center Authority as local government sponsors. Again, just to correct the agenda, that would be Chairman Pete Liakakis committed to join the City of Savannah as a sponsor. Chatham County sponsorship, number four, totals \$50,000. Once again I said it earlier, this is great, it's going to bring money, it's gonna bring a lot of the things to the area, but this is a \$50,000 expense. We have coming next week a request – or next Commission meeting a request for \$296,000 where Mosquito Control needs it to fight the West Nile virus. That's \$75,000 spent today that could have gone towards that. We just raised taxes. The economy – I don't foresee a huge upswing within this next year. I believe we'll be facing a tax increase again or a laying off employees, and again, this is great, Rock 'N' Roll Marathon, it will be good, Chamber, everyone's doing a great job, but again in government, my opinion at this point, from the federal level on down, we've got to look at the essential expenses and essential to me would also be – retain as many employees as possible in the future because that's their livelihood and they've dedicated themselves to this County. And we're really looking at tax increases hurting everyone in the county, every tax payer, or laying off employees which has dedicated themselves to us. So I'm not – I won't make the motion to go against, but naturally you can tell I'll be voting against it, so if someone wants to make the motion to approve, go right ahead. But, again, this'll be great for the community, but it's a non-essential expense.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, thank you. Commissioner Odell?

Commissioner Odell said, just a point of clarification, Mr. Abolt? This \$50,000, was it not in our budget?

County Manager Abolt said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Odell said, and – and our budget was approved.

County Manager Abolt said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Odell said, so it's a fair statement to say in that it was in our budget and we approved our budget then that was not approved solely by the Chairman, was it not? I mean we approved that?

County Manager Abolt said, well, the – the – the Chairman by – in the Enabling Act is the spokesperson for the County Commission. It is – it is not uncommon for he/she to be approached during a year asking for participation in something, and it is not uncommon for that commitment as such to be made, but Commissioner Kicklighter's on point from the standpoint it eventually will have to be confirmed.

Commissioner Odell said, right.

County Manager Abolt said, but in the contents of things you – you have to evaluate, did you know that this was coming on, and I would, of course, the community did know. Did you know that the County was actively participating? I think you did know that but that's only my opinion, and from then consummates with the \$50,000. I – I – again, it's – it – it's not as if, and I don't want to be argumentative, this is not a surprise, this is something that was in the budget. And I realize the budget, you know, had 400 and some odd pages, but – but again I – I cannot argue, or would not argue with any of you, but that's – that's the history, and you're just con – consummating something right now.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and if – if I may one thing here?

Commissioner Odell said, yeah, but I'm not –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

Commissioner Odell said, I'll yield for a moment, but I want to finish my question.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

Commissioner Odell said, if you've got a point to that, I'll yield for it.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, no, go ahead, and then I'll –

Commissioner Odell said, I – I – I think that this is a necessary item in the sense that we are going to continue to grow. In order for us to continue to grow, we're going to have to do innovative things. I think Savannah is extremely fortunate to have been selected for this considering we're probably the smallest city of any of the cities selected. The impact of this financially will be substantial. We depend on tourism and the ports, and I think that we have a gorgeous city. This is another opportunity to showcase it. It is an investment. Simply because the economy is tight does not mean that we have to stay pat. We have to continue to invest, and there are no guarantees. But this is a good thing, and I support our supporting the Chamber, and I think the \$50,000 investment, although it is a lean year, is a necessary investment. In order to make money you have to spend money.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, Commissioner Stone, and then Commissioner Farrell, and then Commissioner Holmes.

Commissioner Stone said, thank you, madam Vice Chairman. I – I see that the representative Mr. Tollison's here from the Chamber. If I could just ask – direct one question to him, and that would be, do you have any predictions on how much revenue this would bring into the county.

Mr. Trip Tollison, Vice President, Existing Industry and Government Affairs, Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce said, we anticipate a \$30 million economic impact that weekend.

Commissioner Stone said, okay, so 50,000 for a \$30 million – okay, thank you.

Commissioner Odell said, pretty good turn around.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, okay. Commissioner Farrell?

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah, what – what would this \$50,000, you know, what – what – what would that go towards?

Mr. Tollison said, it's logistical support, off-duty police officers, you name it. We have a 26-mile track, and there'll be bands located along the route, and in the – it starts at City Hall. I don't have the exact – I don't remember exactly where it goes but it finishes at Forsyth Park, and it goes through various parts of the unincorporated and the City and it's going to take a lot of effort. This is just the sponsorship to help pay for all the costs that aren't covered and paid for by the runners' entry fees, and the City of Savannah is doing 75,000. So, you know, we reached out to the governing partners where the race is going through to help offset the costs.

Commissioner Farrell said, well the – you mention about the police. I – I'm wondering if we're not in a – in a way supporting the project through our police metro department. Will some of this money go to reimburse the police department for the – I'm assuming with this many people there'll be a lot of – a lot of extra patrolmen –

Mr. Tollison said, yes, sir.

Commissioner Farrell said, – working throughout the City and the County and unincorporated are to – to take care of the extra crowds and – and what that sometimes generates and – as far as traffic congestion and – and other situations.

[NOTE: Chairman Liakakis returned to the meeting at approximately 10:45 a.m.]

Mr. Tollison said, that's exactly it. It's barricading of the route, it's creating places for people to watch, traffic control. Our runner extraordinaire, Mr. Monahan, over here, who runs in marathons can help me understand better, but I think it's, you know, it's a five-hour or six-hour deal.

Assistant County Manager Pat Monahan said, for some.

Mr. Tollison said, for some. So you have to have officers staged throughout the route, and especially where the live entertainment acts are going to be. We're anticipating 23,000 runners, and it's going to be a full track. The runners are bringing their families, so we could have over 125, 150,000 people in Chatham County. The other good statistic to point out is that every hotel in Chatham County, with the exception of five are sold out. And the five that are left have a very few a – amount of rooms left, and this is the first time since this has happened since the general – or G8 Summit, so we're very excited about it.

Commissioner Farrell said, well I guess my – my question may be more specifically, are we – if we – if we sponsor with \$50,000 does this go to help offset metro's additional expenses that day, or do we pay the additional stuff with metro – are we paying twice, I guess is what I'm asking.

County Manager Abolt said, no – no, sir, you're not – you're not paying twice. This would – this would be for expenses over and above. It's – it's – it's kind of like Saint Patrick's Day and other events, you know, we – we do add – but in this case this is our first exposure to do it, but when the Chief submits the budget, you assume certain major activities for which he must mobilize. Obviously this – this is so unique, and – the – the – the chance of losing it – and the Chairman's back, and he can speak much better than I, but when – when the initial offer is made, and like Mr. Tollison said, you know, hey, for an investment or sponsorship you get this, you – you – you – you want to be able to say yes there's interest. And that – that – it's matured. But you have – you have to consummate it, you're consummating it today. We – we're trying to make it as simple as we can by contracting with the Chamber. We're not trying to spend many more thousands of dollars in trying to detail down to the penny how it's going to be used beyond a joint sponsorship of a major event that has a vast benefit to this community both – both in the spirit and the health, but also in the coffers.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, Commissioner Holmes and then Commissioner Kicklighter and then the Chairman.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you, Ms. Thomas. I – I just want to ask us to just move on with this because we're not trying to find \$50,000 that we don't have. We approved the budget and it was placed in there which is \$50,000, but I – I – look – let me say this, if we don't spend the \$50,000, if you want to use it in the Second District, you can vote for it to use it there. So we – we already have the \$50,000, we just approving that today to go on and use it.

Commissioner Farrell said, I think a lot of it will be used in the Second District.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, Commissioner Kicklighter do you wish to –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yes, I would.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, – would you be brief? Be very brief, please.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I would. Very brief here. Great event, it'll bring a lot of money to a lot of people, but point being the revenues will most likely from this event will not be used to pave the dirt road, Osteen Road, in Bloomingdale, Georgia, which those con – those constituents are being asked to fund this event. They still bog down daily. Point being, we have a lot of functions that we're supposed to perform as elected officials that we do not do, yet we fund a lot of things that we – is not an essential expense. And, you know, when I'm looking at people bogging down, on a you know, fairly consistent basis on a dirt road, again, Osteen Road, maybe we can get that on a paving list one day, and we're being asked to sp – spend \$75,000 total today, \$50,000 here, again, it's great. The Chamber, y'all always do a great job and I don't blame you –

Mr. Tollison said, thank you.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, – for asking, you should ask, and if we had a sound – if we were sound financially here, and we did the things that we were supposed to do, and all the roads were paved and everything was done, then I think it would be something to do, but until that day, I – I don't see us continuing to spend on unnecessary expenses, so that's – that's it, but thank you. Y'all are doing a great job, and it will be great.

Vice Chairman Thomas said, okay, I'm going to turn it back over to the Chair – Chairman and perhaps he may have some words at this time. Thank you.

Mr. Tollison said, may I take a moment to thank the County Manager and Assistant County Manager, and of course, the Chairman and the Commission for your support of this event. We couldn't do it without y'all and just want to thank you for all the advice and – and working with us because we anticipate an amazing weekend, and it's going to really make our City and County shine. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, the \$50,000, it will come to us in sales tax and many other ways in our community. And for point of information, I – I stated at the time I would see about the County Commission coming up with the money for this. I did not make a direct element – promise at the time that we would do it. I said that I would bring it up, you know, and I thought sure that the County Commissioners would approve this. That was my statement and had nothing to do with me approving it at that time at Johnson Square when I was asked about this great event coming to our City and to our County and putting in a huge amount of people here, and of course that small amount of money that the Commissioners vote on was going to bring a huge amount of money into the coffers of Chatham County.

Commissioner Thomas said, just a point Mr. Chairman it was stated that during our budgetary, you know, process this amount was – was placed in that, so this is where we are. It was included.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and I’m – and I’m glad that you had the opportunity to correct the staff report, which stated that the County committed \$50,000. So, I’m glad I gave you that opportunity.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Any –

Commissioner Thomas said, so we can either vote –

Chairman Liakakis said, – other discussion on it? Okay. We have the motion on the floor?

Clerk said, no, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, – and a second?

Clerk said, no, sir, we don’t have a motion.

Commissioner Odell said, I’ll make a motion to approve the \$50,000 for the Rock ‘N’ Roll Marathon.

Chairman Liakakis said, we need a second.

Commissioner Odell said, so help me God.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

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

Mr. Tollison said, thank you, very much.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Odell moved to approve the action calendar, Items 1 through 4 and under Item 4, Items A through F with the exception of Item 4-B. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Liakakis and Commissioner Shay were not present for the vote.]
- b. As to item 4-B, Commissioner Odell moved to approve \$50,000 sponsorship for the Rock ‘N’ Roll Marathon. Commissioners Holmes and Stone seconded the motion and it carried with a 6-1 vote. Chairman Liakakis, Commissioners Stone, Holmes, Farrell, Odell, Gellatly and Thomas voted yes. Commissioner Kicklighter voted no. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

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

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1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 26, 2011, AS MAILED.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 26, 2011, as mailed. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Liakakis and Commissioner Shay were not present for the vote.]

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2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 18, 2011 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2011.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period August 18, 2011 through August 31, 2011, in the amount of \$13,904,413. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Liakakis and Commissioner Shay were not present for the vote.]

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3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO APPLY TO THE GEORGIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT TO CONTINUE TO FUND A FULL-TIME BILINGUAL VICTIM ADVOCATE FOR SPANISH SPEAKING VICTIMS AND WITNESSES IN CHATHAM COUNTY.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved for Board for approval to apply to the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the continuation of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant to continue to fund a full-time bilingual victim advocate for Spanish speaking victims and witnesses in Chatham County. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Liakakis and Commissioner Shay were not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-3
AGENDA DATE: September 9, 2011

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Cheryl W. Rogers, Victim-Witness Program, Assistant Director

ISSUE:

To request approval of the application to the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the **continuation** of the Victims of Crime (VOCA) Grant to continue to fund a full-time bilingual Victim Advocate for Spanish speaking victims and witnesses in Chatham County. The amount we are requesting this upcoming year is less than last year.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1) The competitive grant for **\$66,400** would include salary and benefits for Bilingual Advocate, outreach materials and printed brochures in Spanish, staff travel and training.
- 2) The grant requires a 20% match of **\$13,280** which is already in place through the Victim-Witness Assistance Program. **No additional funds from the County are required.**
- 3) The continuation of VOCA grant will run October 1, 2011 thru September 30, 2012.
- 4) The grant submitted this year is less than last year due to decrease in needed related supplies and activities.
- 5) Chatham County continues to see a steady increase in the Hispanic population and this trend is reflected in the growing numbers of Hispanics who have contact with the criminal justice system.
- 6) The Savannah Chatham Metro Police Department, the municipal police departments, the Office of the District Attorney, and Latin American Service Organization all report a reluctance of many Hispanic victims and witnesses to cooperate with criminal justice agencies. This lack of cooperation is often due to limited English language skills and a lack of support to maneuver the unfamiliar and intimidating legal system.
- 7) Spanish speaking victims are currently under served in Chatham County and a priority of the grant is to continue to provide services and outreach to Chatham County's under served victims.
- 8) The deadline for the grant application is September 14, 2011.

FUNDING:

- 1) No additional County funds are required. The 20% match of \$13,280 is currently available through the Victim-Witness Assistance Program.
- 2) The VOCA Grant has been available since 1986 so it has a proven history of providing services to crime victims throughout the nation.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) That the Board approve the application for the continuation VOCA Grant through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.
2. That the Board not approve the application for the continuation VOCA Grant through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The Board of Commissioners has been the recipient of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds for the past two years and in years past as well. The continuation of this grant requires no additional funds from Chatham County and the personnel position ends if no additional funds are secured from grant sources.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Cheryl W. Rogers

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4. 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:

- a. Commissioner Odell moved for approval to award bids A through F with the exception of B 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 Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Chairman Liakakis and Commissioner Shay were not present for the vote.]
- b. As to item 4-B, Commissioner Odell moved to approve \$50,000 sponsorship for the Rock 'N' Roll Marathon. Commissioners Holmes and Stone seconded the motion and it carried with a 6-1 vote. Chairman Liakakis, Commissioners Stone, Holmes, Farrell, Odell, Gellatly and Thomas voted yes. Commissioner Kicklighter voted no. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
A. Annual contract with automatic renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms for real estate brokerage services	Special Projects	Whitley & Associates	1.97% of sales	Paid at time of closing
B. Confirm sponsorship for the Rock 'N' Roll Marathon	Special Projects	Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce/ Visit Savannah	\$50,000	General Fund/M & O - Special Appropriations
C. Three (3) used vehicles and authorize trade-in of three (3) vehicles	CNT	Fairway Lincoln Mercury	\$34,500	CIP - Fleet Replacement
D. 13 Motorola digital portable radios and related equipment	I.C.S.	Motorola	\$44,146	CIP - I.C.S.
E. Design/Build contract for historical interpretation, design, relocation and renovation of Mother Mathilda Beasley home	Special Projects	Pioneer Construction/ Barnard Associates and	\$400,000	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Beasley Park
F. Amendment to the contract for banking services to modify the fee structure	Finance	Wells Fargo	N/A	Investment management fees will be offset through Pooled Cash and SPLOST investment income
G. Not renew the annual contract to provide legislative liaison services for 2012	Commissioners	Hughes Public Affairs	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: X-4
AGENDA DATE: September 9, 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 to award an annual contract with automatic renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms for real estate brokerage services Whitley & Associates for the sale and purchase of properties.

BACKGROUND: Chatham County has contracted for the services of a commercial real estate broker to assist in the sale and purchase of properties. This excludes the acquisition of properties for roads and drainage projects.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. The Purchasing Office advertised and received six (6) bids (see attached page 10 for bid tabulation). While professional services, the brokerage services became handled as a bid with a simple pre-qualification of Georgia licensing and \$3 million in commercial sales during the past 10 years.
2. The Purchasing Office opened bids, and the lowest bid became submitted by the incumbent contractor,

Whitley & Associates, which bid 1.97%. Staff believes Whitley & Associates has provided an exceptional level of service under its current contract.

3. The broker of record will handle property transactions, and in general, the scope of work requires:
 - 3a. Provide an estimate of value of the property for use in determining a minimum asking bid and offer price (the sale will be conducted as a sealed bid process in accordance with the sale of public property as per Georgia law).
 - 3b. Develop offering packages and direct market to identified prospective buyers.
 - 3c. Provide property inspections to prospective buyers. Also, provide zoning and subdivision advice to prospective buyers (this will require knowledge of Chatham County development regulations).
 - 3d. Handle questions concerning sales requirements in accordance with the sale of public property per Georgia law (properties for sale must be auctioned).

FUNDING: Proceeds for broker services will be paid only at the time of closing.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award an annual contract with automatic renewal options for four (4) additional one (1) year terms for real estate brokerage services Whitley & Associates for the sale and purchase of properties.
2. Board take no action and re-advertise as a Request for Proposals rather than a sealed bid procedure.

POLICY ANALYSIS: Georgia law requires a specific procedure that must be followed in the sale of publicly-owned property. Knowledge of this process, coupled with the desire to receive as much as possible in the sale of property, requires use of a specialist in handling and managing sales.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
ESTELLE BROWN

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board confirms its sponsorship through the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce/Visit Savannah for the Rock 'N' Roll Marathon.

BACKGROUND: Chatham County committed to serve as one of the local government sponsors of the Rock 'N' Roll Marathon, an event expected to bring 50,000 runners and visitors to this area on 5 November 2011.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. As part of the package for the community to compete for a Rock 'N' Roll Marathon, a licensed event with national venues, Chatham County committed to join the City of Savannah and Trade Center Authority as local government sponsors.
2. The event will attract some 25,000 participants plus their families. With an international following, Rock 'N' Roll events attract 62% of their participants from outside of the sponsored area and 75% stay three to four nights.
3. To put into perspective the economic impact, this event equates to 25% of the average convention business in this community. Because of the hotel demand, accommodations in the Historic District, I-95 corridor hotels and Tybee Island are already booked.
4. Chatham County sponsorship totals \$50,000.

FUNDING: General Fund/M & O - Special Appropriations
(1009975 - 57.30001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board confirms its sponsorship through the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce/Visit Savannah for the Rock 'N' Roll Marathon.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: As a local government sponsor, Chatham County not only the recognition as a sponsor of a major community event with national attention but also its employees can participate through the Wellness Program.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$34,500 purchase of three (3) used non-typical replacement vehicles for the CNT from Fairway Lincoln Mercury of Savannah, GA and authorize the disposal of three (3) vehicles to be used as trade-ins.

BACKGROUND: CNT has approved funding to replace 13 vehicles through the CIP, Police Merger. These vehicles are no longer suitable for department's operation. The trade-in will simplify the purchase of three vehicles.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. A standing request for "good" used vehicles are in place with local dealers and they are encouraged to let us know when they have something they feel we should consider. Staff check with local car dealers that normally respond to bids and came back with this proposal. This provides CNT with maximum flexibility.
- 2. The Fleet Manager and a representative from CNT selected the following vehicles based on utility and value.
- 3. The vehicles selected were from:

Fairway Lincoln Mercury	3 vehicle	\$78,500
Less trade	3 vehicle	(44,000)
Total Purchase		\$34,500

FUNDING: CIP - Fleet Replacement
(3503222 - 54.22001 - 35030650Z)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Request Board approval of a \$34,500 purchase of three (3) used non-typical replacement vehicles for the CNT from Fairway Lincoln Mercury of Savannah, GA and authorize the disposal of three (3) vehicles to be used as trade-ins.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of replacement vehicles for law enforcement activities.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$ 44,146 purchase of 13 Motorola digital portable radios and related equipment, off the GSA Schedule 70 Homeland Security Contract, from Motorola Inc, for the I.C.S. department.

BACKGROUND: The Board adopted the FY08/09 budget 27 June 2008. Included in the budget, in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) was the procurement of digital radios.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. In 2012 , the current analog radios used by many County departments will not be usable on the County's Public Safety Radio System.
- 2. The I.C.S. department requested the Board to budget \$350,000 per year for three (3) years to replace the County's analog radios. The Board concurred and the funding is in the CIP budget.
- 3. Included in this purchase is 13 digital portable radios with accessories. These radios will be used by ICS staff. They have some of the oldest radios and are in constant need of repair.
- 4. The purchase is off the GSA Schedule 70 Homeland Security Contract with Motorola Communications. Staff believes the total cost of \$44,146 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CIP - I.C.S. Digital Radio Equipment
(3501535 - 54.25001 - 35030918)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of a \$ 44,146 purchase of 13 Motorola digital portable radios, off the GSA Schedule 70 Homeland Security Contract, from Motorola Inc, for I.C.S. department.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary communications equipment for the using departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a \$400,000 design/build contract for historical interpretation, design/engineering, relocation and renovation of Mother Mathilda Beasley's home with Pioneer Construction/Barnard Associates.

BACKGROUND: As part of the master plan for Mother Mathilda Beasley Park, Chatham County intended to relocate the one-time home of Mother Mathilda Beasley. The project would encompass a design-build contract

to relocate the house to the park which bears her name, conduct an historical interpretation, renovate it and add an archival center for geneological research (see attached page 11-12 for details).

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. The Purchasing Office advertised the design-build project and received five (5) proposals. Based on a short list of three (3) firms, the joint-venture, design-build proposal by Pioneer Construction and Barnard Architects received the highest points totals (see attached scoring matrix page 8). Staff has previously worked with both firms and consider both outstanding in their prior work.
2. The project would be regarded as an historical interpretation. While some debate remains how much of the home remains from the period since Mother Mathilda Beasley died in 1903, especially since it has served as rental property for at least 60 years, many historical advocates consider the structure itself as significant. The project would require the following:
 - 2a. A structural engineer has certified that with proper measures, the house can be relocated from 1511 Price Street. The contractor will be responsible for this relocation.
 - 2b. An historical review and interpretation will be completed. This will determine how much of the house remains original and attempt to develop design documents to renovate and return the home to the period in which she lived. For example, a key component of the house would be the chapel where she prayed and reportedly died. Furnishings would be simple to reflect her selfless lifestyle.
 - 2c. An addition will provide an area for archival research and become a repository for historical documents related to her work and her influence. The Mother Mathilda Beasley House is the final residence of Mathilda Taylor Beasley, Georgia's first African-American nun. She donated property inherited from her deceased husband to the Sacred Heart Church in Savannah for the purpose of establishing the St. Francis Home for Colored Orphans. The orphanage opened in 1887 and two years later, Mother Mathilda Beasley founded the Third Order of St. Francis, Georgia's first order of African-American nuns. Both the orphanage and the order experienced financial difficulties and the Order was disbanded in 1900. In 1901, the Catholic Diocese built a cottage for Mother Mathilda at 1511 Price Street in Savannah, where she lived until her death on December 20, 1903.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a \$400,000 design/build contract for historical interpretation, design/engineering, relocation and renovation of Mother Mathilda Beasley's home with Pioneer Construction/Barnard Associates.
2. Board take no action.

POLICY ANALYSIS: Georgia law and the Chatham County Purchasing Ordinance and Procedures Manual require that the Board award construction contracts.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval of an amendment to modify the fee structure under the County's banking services agreement to include use of non-interest bearing checking accounts for general

banking services provided by Wells Fargo Bank N.A. and to authorize an investment management agreement and fee structure for services provided by Wells Capital Management.

BACKGROUND: Chatham County currently has a banking services relationship with Wells Fargo Bank N.A. (formerly Wachovia Bank) pursuant to a contract dated June 26, 2009. Since the inception of the contract, the County has been paying for banking services through a combination of fees and earnings credits.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Currently the County is paying for banking services with a combination of fees and earning credits. Funds left on deposit are first used to offset any services charges on the account through an earnings credit of .25% under the Government Advantage Interest Checking program offered by Wells Fargo. Balances in excess of the amount needed to offset fees earn .2%. Balances in excess of the FDIC limit of \$250,000 are collateralized through the banks purchase of federal treasury and agency bonds at 110% of the bank balance as required under Georgia law.

- 2. Due to new provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act, the County can obtain full FDIC coverage on its accounts by transferring the account to a non-interest bearing mode. The Bank proposes a higher earnings credit rate of .35% under this arrangement. Under the law, the FDIC fees are waived. This will save the County approximately 80% of its monthly bank fees so balances needed to offset service charges would drop. Cash could then be used for investment purposes, subject to short-term liquidity needs. The unlimited FDIC coverage offered under the Dodd-Frank Act would expire 31 December 2012.
- 3. The Bank has indicated that the County could swap between the non-interest bearing account and Government Advantage Checking Program at its benefit.
- 4. The Bank's investment arm under Wells Capital Management has offered to model a portfolio which would better invest the County's available cash balances. In the recent economy the County has been challenged by low investment yields and frequent "calls" of purchased securities. The Bank has proposed an investment portfolio that follows the County's investment policies while better investing cash balances. The initial investment in the portfolio will be \$50 million which would primarily come from SPLOST funds. The Bank will charge a management fee based on the market value of assets. The first \$50 million will incur 10 basis points per year. Asset values over \$50 million will incur 8 basis points per year. On a \$50 million portfolio the minimum fee per year will be \$50,000. This arrangement is similar to the manager arrangements in the County's pension fund.
- 5. To maintain liquidity, the County would continue to invest in the Georgia Fund 1 and also make individual security purchases through its authorized broker/dealer list. In July 2011 the Georgia Fund 1 earned interest of .1299%.
- 6. The County's Pension Fund retains an advisor who oversees individual manager performance. This advisor reviewed the Bank's investment management proposal and found it to be in compliance with the County's investment policy.
- 7. The banking services contract incorporates the primary accounts of the Chatham County government. Court officers and other elected officials may have separate banking relationships.

FUNDING: Investment management fees will be offset through Pooled Cash and SPLOST investment income

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of an amendment to modify the fee structure under the County's banking services agreement to include use of non-interest bearing checking accounts for general banking services provided by Wells Fargo Bank N.A. and to authorize an investment management agreement and fee structure for services provided by Wells Capital Management.
- 2. Disapprove the amendment and retain the current fee structure.

POLICY ANALYSIS: All items proposed will retain the safety and liquidity of the County's investment portfolio and are consistent with the adopted investment policy.

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, okay. Let's see now, no First Readings.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

Chairman Liakakis said, no Second Readings.

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Liakakis said, and on item 13, is Information Items, all County Commissioners were sent that information in their packet.

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: September 9, 2011

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

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Four (4)-24pound cases of mosquito control chemicals	Mosquito Control	Clarke Mosquito Control, Corp.	\$4,883	General Fund/M & O - Mosquito Control
Sugar Mill roadway subsurface investigation	Public Works and Park Services	HSA Engineers and Scientists	\$2,800	CIP - Public Works
Garage parts and shop supplies for inventory	Fleet Operations	White Brothers Auto Parts Warehouse	\$2,955	Fleet Inventory Account
One (1) drop-in engine for unit 298 (F800 large dump truck)	Fleet Operations	Pilot Engines	\$6,463	Fleet Inventory Account
One (1) sign and bronze plaque for Tom Sprague Complex	Special Projects	Doug Bean Signs, Inc.	\$5,970	DSA Bond Fund
17 tires for stock	Fleet Operations	S O S Radial Tire Service	\$2,833	Fleet Inventory Account
Five (5) taser kits and taser cams	Sheriff	DGG Taser, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$6,169	General Fund/M & O - Sheriff's Department
19 Transceivers-Cisco switch upgrade and maintenance	I.C.S.	Entre Solutions (MBE)	\$6,460	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Courthouse Construction

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Low flow sampling landfill monitoring services required by Environmental Protection Division	Public Works and Park Services	Advanced Environmental Management	\$2,660	Solid Waste Management
Calculation of arbitrage rebate liability	Finance	Bingham Arbitrage Rebate	\$5,300	Hospital Authority Debt Service Fund
Annual service agreement on Powerware 9330 UPS	Sheriff	Advent Power Protection Systems	\$4,108	General Fund/M & O - Sheriff's Department
Two (2) annual service agreements for Viewscan Systems used by Court Services	Sheriff	View Systems Inc.	\$3,600	General Fund/M & O - Sheriff's Department
Remove/replace asphalt shingles on concession stand at Ambuc Park	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	PLS Construction Management (MBE)	\$6,125	CIP - Park Services

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Liakakis said, and now we need a motion on the floor to recess to Executive Session.

County Manager Abolt said, property acquisition and personnel.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Stone moved to recess into Executive Session for personnel and land acquisition. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.] The Board recessed at approximately 10:55 a.m.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 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

- Board of Assessors**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the appointment of Dr. Kathryn R. Martin to serve on the Chatham County Zoning Board of Appeals with her term to expire June 27, 2015. The Board voted and the motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

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2. Savannah-Chatham County Council on Disability Issues**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the appointment of S. Daniel Shehan to serve on the Savannah-Chatham County Council on Disability Issues with his term to expire September 1, 2016. The Board voted and the motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

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3. Live Oak Public Library**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the appointment of Clifton Kennedy to serve on the Live Oak Public Library Board of Trustees with his term to expire June 30, 2014. The Board voted and the motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

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4. Chatham Area Transit**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the appointment of Frank Mingledorff to serve on the Chatham Area Transit Board with his term to expire December 31, 2011. The Board voted and the motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Kicklighter was not present.]

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

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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