

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 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 9:34 a.m. on Friday, October 21, 2011.

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**II. INVOCATION**

Chairman Liakakis said, I call on Commissioner James Holmes for the Invocation.

Commissioner Holmes said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Let us pray.

Commissioner Holmes gave the Invocation.

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**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Liakakis said, I call on Commissioner Farrell to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Farrell led all in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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**IV. ROLL CALL**

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

The Clerk called the roll.

Present:           Pete Liakakis, Chairman  
                      Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman, District Eight  
                      Helen L. Stone, Chairman Pro Tem, District One  
                      James J. Holmes, District Two  
                      Patrick Shay, District Three  
                      Patrick K. Farrell, District Four  
                      Harris Odell, Jr., District Five  
                      David M. Gellatly, District Six  
                      Dean Kicklighter, District Seven (arrived at approximately 9:40)

Also present:       Pat Monahan, Assistant County Manager  
                      R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney  
                      Janice E. Bocook, County Clerk

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**V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**1. SAFETY NET 2010 EVALUATION PRESENTED BY DR. PAULA REYNOLDS.**

Chairman Liakakis said, next on the agenda, Item One, Safety Net 2010 Evaluation presented by Dr. Paula Reynolds, and whoever else you want up there too, doctor.

Dr. Paula Reynolds said, can everybody see the presentation?

Chairman Liakakis said, yes.

Dr. Paula Reynolds said, okay. Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners, I'm Dr. Paula Reynolds, the Executive Director of the Chatham County Safety Net Planning Counsel and Director of Chatham Health Point.

Ms. Jennifer Wright said, and I'm Jennifer Wright with Memorial University Medical Center, and I Chair the evaluation committee for the Safety Net.

Dr. Reynolds said, okay. With me today are many of the members of the Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council. May I invite them to stand up and be recognized? [Members of the Safety Net Council in the audience stand]. We have the pleasure of presenting on their behalf today, and our purpose is to present to you the results of our 2010 evaluation. But first I'd like to give you a snapshot of Chatham County in 2010. Now there was a census conducted in 2010 so we have these results directly from the U.S. Census. So that you see that the population of Chatham County last year was just over a quarter of a million. One in five Chatham County residents lived in poverty. Now this is about a four and a half percent increase across the board. In breaking it down, it's one in four children, one in five adults, and one in eight families. Similarly, one in five Chatham County citizens had no health insurance. Now that breakdown's a little different, it's one in ten children, about one in 400 adults over 65, so with Medicare, of course, most of the elderly are covered, but it's one in four adults between 18 and 64 have no health insurance in Chatham County as of last year. So that's over 51,000 Chatham County residents that have no health insurance and 45,000 of them are in that adult age range. Now according to the Georgia Area Labor profile, unemployment rose a little less than one percent to nine percent in 2010. So we would think that we would see an increase in demand for care, and we did. The number of patients that came through our clinics was over 28,000 last year. Now remember as in past years, there might be some duplication across the clinics 'cause some individuals might go to one or another clinic during the year, but the trends are upward. In fact, it's a six percent increase over 2009 and a 57% increase since the Safety Net was formed in 2004. Ninety-two percent of the patients are from Chatham County, and you see in the lower line there consistently across the years about 80% of them are uninsured.

Dr. Reynolds said, okay, and we're looking at age groups now, and you see that reflecting the – the age distribution of the uninsured, most of the patients we see are adults. The adults we saw went up a little bit from 2009 only about 12% of children, in fact only our federally-qualified health centers see children, and that's J.C. Lewis and Curtis V. Cooper. Let's see, so if you look at that statistic and remember that we have 45,000 approximately adults who have no health insurance, we might see about 45% of them in our system. As far as visits, I remember two years ago I was challenging the Safety Net to top 100,000 visits and they did last year with 106, but then they soared again on me and last year, 126,615 visits in our system. Pretty amazing. Now that is an in – 18% increase over last year and an 81% increase in visits in our system since 2004.

Commissioner Odell said, may I – may I ask –

Dr. Reynolds said, yeah.

Commissioner Odell said, – you a question Paula [Reynolds]? Did you redefine –

Dr. Reynolds said, yes, that's the next slide, just for you.

Commissioner Odell said, oh, okay.

Dr. Reynolds said, all right. Here we go. So what are these visits entail? And these definitions actually were decided by a committee over three months that had representatives – representatives from all the providers. So about 90,000 of those 126 visits are medical. Now that's with a physician, a nurse practitioner, or a PA. About – we have dental care as well, so about 6% were dental. Then wellness visits include education, screening, case management, maybe a lab visit, something like that. Now those are provided on-site at the clinics or go out into the community or even to where a patient lives. So that's what the definition of on-site and off-site is. As far as those visits, that's about 21%. And we have a new category this year that we're able to track because we have grown our behavioral health services so that's about two percent last year of the visits were behavioral health. So – and as you see 70% of them were those medical visits. And we have them all in categories like that. But of course, when you're talking about the medical home model, and you want any kind of care available that a patient might need, all of those wellness visits and integration of those things are important in – within the system that people can access that. And in conjunction with these visits, we also decided to try to get an idea of other services. The providers logged over 120,000 lab tests and over 2100 x-rays that went around – along with that. Okay? Did that answer your question?

Commissioner Odell nodded.

Dr. Reynolds said, thank you. All right. So let's look at the emergency departments as we always do. Now the way we define primary care at an emergency department is low urgency visits, and in their speak that's acuity one and two. So we ask them to give us data on that as they have for many years. And you see looking across the last four years the number of visits has kind of flattened out. In fact it was up only about 100 visits for a total of 43,449. Okay? Now looking at the age group there, that – you see the proportions are a little bit different. Yes, over half of them are adults, but there are many more kids, about 40% of them. And, you know, that fluctuates a little bit but those proportions remain the same. And looking at the patients, remember the last statistics were visits, so these are the actual patients in the various hospitals. You see that again it's leveled out except for St. Joseph's. And in these visits, the total – I mean these patients total 32,078 and about 83% of them were from Chatham County. So that allows us to do something interesting this year, and that's to compare the usage of our system and the ED. So if you look at the top row, you see that in our system we have three times the number of visits, but we have about 15% fewer patients that we've logged in. But then when you divide it, it looks like we have about an average of four and a half visits a year per patient in our system versus 1.4 visits a year in the EDs. Now since you can't have less than one visit, okay, that

means that at least 60% of the people who go to the EDs for primary care visits go only one time a year. So we're kind of getting the picture of ongoing care in our clinics versus episodic care at the ED. And if you look further down, then we've compared the age group, the insurance, and whether they're from Chatham County; you can see that the picture is a little bit different. In our clinics we're more likely to see adults, uninsured from Chatham County and at the ED there are many more children with insurance because of the availability of Medicaid and Peach Care, and also there are many more of them who are from other counties. Okay, so although the numbers are still too high, we want them to be lower at the EDs, we think we are making progress in getting people to come to our clinics for ongoing care and finding a medical home with us. Okay?

Commissioner Odell said, Paula [Reynolds], what's the difference in cost between a clinic visit – average clinic visit and an average hospital emergency room visit?

Dr. Reynolds said, yeah, we have always had difficulty with calculating that because the way the emergency room's calculated and we do is entirely different. And we have also attempted many times to calculate the exact cost of our visits even by saying all right how much money has come into our system divided by the number of visits, and we get all kinds of different numbers in there. Bottom line everything's expensive. And where I see the difference is – is that if you're somebody who needs ongoing care for a chronic disease and you go to the ED for that, then you're not getting the right kind of care. So whatever money it costs, it costs more and not helping your health. You need to be in a different place. But, you know, I've always been hesitant to say that, you know, it's much more expensive to go to the ED. It's expensive in our system too. We try to be efficient, but we have better health outcomes for someone with a chronic disease because we take care of them.

Commissioner Odell said, yeah in the olden days universally it was believed that a 314E Program were about 35% of what an emergency department program was. And I – I don't know where I got that number from but I do recall –

Dr. Reynolds said, well that's been published a lot, and we've tried to verify it in our system in any number of ways of calculating what our costs are, and, you know, since patients have many more visits per year, sometimes the calculated cost to take care of a – a patient over a year's time in our system is 5 or \$600 per patient, and then you say oh well the patients in the ED came one time and that was \$150.

Commissioner Odell said, yeah but –

Dr. Reynolds said, so it's very hard to compare the two.

Commissioner Odell said, yeah, but the difference between the value of the clinics providing care and the emergency department are that the clinics treat chronic illness.

Dr. Reynolds said, that's correct.

Commissioner Odell said, so consequently you don't have the massive injuries or that could cause a substantial hospitalization. So if you figure the over all cost, and not just look at the isolated cost, it is better to treat chronic illness as a chronic illness rather than episodically. It hurts real bad so I'm gonna go in to the emergency room.

Dr. Reynolds said, right. And the – there are two other things. Remember with the visits, we had the whole array. We also have the support in the community that the people might need with case management and screening, etcetera, for the purpose of prevention as well. And then the one thing that we haven't looked at locally is the hospitalization cost for exactly what you are talking about. You know, we look at the ED visits only versus our visits, but it would be very interesting at one time to see, all right, could we look at the people who did not go through our system for on going care, only came to the emergency room, and look at their hospital costs and compare them with ours. And that's one of the things that we hope to be able to do with our Health Information Exchange. Being able to look at the people who come in and where they're going and see if they're in our system or that one with the community registry. That's one of the values of sharing information, that we'll be able to get the full picture of the difference – yeah, those are all very important things.

Dr. Reynolds said, another thing that we finally got to measure last year was the impact on our system of providing medications to our patients. Now these are not the \$4.00 prescriptions that you can get at some of the major pharmacies, and it also does not include people who can take advantage of getting a prescription on-site with our providers with a co-pay. These are prescriptions, often ones that have no generic equivalent and are expensive, that through pharmacy assistance programs we get them directly to the patients with no co-pay at all through a number of assistance programs. And this year the – we calculated that the wholesale value of the medications that we provided last year topped \$13 million. Now that's up about 10%. We were almost at \$12 million last year, so this is really a significant contribution to the system that we are able to provide our patients working together. Now of course the providers take advantage of any program that they can find available for their patients, but one of the most successful ones that contributes the most to the system is our partner, MedBank. And last year and this year that counted for about \$7 million of the prescriptions that we supplied.

Dr. Reynolds said, okay, here's a little slide about money. You see that in the left-hand corner we once again are – especially our federally-qualified health centers have taken advantage of getting a lot of money through the stimulus program. Now unfortunately that looks like a whole lot of money and it is, but most of the grants were for one-time projects for building infrastructure, whether it's in facilities or technology, and we have changed at your request, we have Chatham County instead of local government to recognize exactly where that money comes from. Thank you very much because we do really depend upon that money for actual patient care, along with the co-pays that you see in the next column. Now the co-pays and fees that come from patients increased about 8% last year, and that goes

along with the increase in visits, of course. The rest of the funding has remained pretty stable, and of course, the strength and the very existence of the Safety Net really helps all of our providers obtain grants and funding because they're a part of a larger group, and that goes toward funders seeing the sustainability of all of our providers. Then remember we also can apply for grants through the Safety Net itself, as long as they are something for the benefit of the whole system. And since 2005, we have gotten a million seven in grants just for the Safety Net overall. So just putting that in perspective.

Commissioner Shay said, before you leave that slide, could I ask a question?

Dr. Reynolds said, pardon?

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman, if I could, the – the graph that you have up there on the screen now shows the fourth one over hospitals –

Dr. Reynolds said, yes.

Commissioner Shay said – 850 some thousand dollars, which is a significant amount of money. And – and I guess those are direct grants of some kind that go directly into the Safety Net providers.

Dr. Reynolds said, right.

Commissioner Shay said, but it certainly doesn't represent the amount that hospitals contribute to the effort of making sure that people are seen. But –

Dr. Reynolds said, that's correct. Those are – that is actually the money that we can actually document that they have paid directly to one of the providers as far as support.

Commissioner Shay said, the – the –

Dr. Reynolds said, or in the – you know, in fact what's not on there also is both hospital systems give money to the admin budget for the Safety Net itself. That's not in there. Plus they don't calculate their cost of treating our patients in there. That's just directly to the providers. You're correct.

Commissioner Shay said, if – if you would be kind enough, I'd like to get some back up information about that and, you know –

Dr. Reynolds said, certainly, we have all the –

Commissioner Shay said, – in – in the future you don't – I don't want to delay that –

Dr. Reynolds said, okay.

Commissioner Shay said, – but I – I would like to understand –

Dr. Reynolds said, sure.

Commissioner Shay said, – how that –

Dr. Reynolds said, breaks down?

Commissioner Shay said, yes, please.

Dr. Reynolds said, certainly.

Commissioner Shay said, thank you.

Dr. Reynolds said, we have that in the data sheet, and we'll email that to you. Would you all like it?

Commissioner Odell said, I would.

Chairman Liakakis said, just send it to everybody.

Commissioner Shay said, is that already in my homework and I just missed it?

Dr. Reynolds said, all right. Okay.

Commissioner Shay said, it is? Okay.

Dr. Reynolds said, thank you. I appreciate your reading it.

Ms. Wright said, it's not in the notebook.

Commissioner Shay said, I didn't think so.

Dr. Reynolds said, it's not – it's not broken down but we have the full data set.

Commissioner Shay said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, and the other thing, doctor, is that these out of town cities and counties where they come in for these services, I'd like to know how much that is so I can – we can distribute it to all the Commissioners. Because what we need to do is to see if we can't get our legislators to put something in for a – a law that will require those other areas to pay, you know, from their counties or cities. I mean, I know people have to have medical assistance, and that's really important, but because Chatham County has a heavy burden, and especially all the organizations and all, then there should be some – because you could have people just saying, hey, why don't you go to Chatham County, they got better service or something like that, and the cost goes up substantially. So if you could get that to us also.

Dr. Reynolds said, will do.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Dr. Reynolds said, we have it broken down by counties.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, good. Thank you very much.

Dr. Reynolds said, sure.

Commissioner Stone said, Pete [Liakakis], I have a – Mr. Chairman, I have a question. I was – had a conversation the other evening with a gentleman from Memorial, a doctor from Memorial, and he indicated that people from out of state were using their services. South Carolina. Do you have the same thing?

Dr. Reynolds said, to a very, very small amount, yes. We – remember federally-qualified health centers according to their designation as such need to be able to accept anyone who comes in their door, and so there are a few people from South Carolina that we have. We have it by zip code. So we would be able to break that down as well.

Commissioner Stone said, and – and that would be in the information that you're going to –

Dr. Reynolds said, correct.

Commissioner Stone said, – distribute as well?

Dr. Reynolds said, correct.

Commissioner Stone said, okay. I mean I just, you know, it's one thing when you cross county lines but when you start crossing state lines to me that's – that's of real concern.

Commissioner Odell said, you know but we put something in there – in – this Commission a few years ago said that every contractor who does work should have to have health insurance because ultimately that would ease the burden on – on our – our healthcare system. Our legislators passed a bill prohibiting us from making that a requirement of our contract. It's just information.

Chairman Liakakis said, well anyway we'll – once we get that information –

Dr. Reynolds said, right.

Chairman Liakakis said, then we'll go from there.

Dr. Reynolds said, you'll see that it's not a – a huge percentage, and we will also include an explanation of how the federally-qualified health centers are required to operate so that you'll understand the context in which that is –

Chairman Liakakis said, all right.

Dr. Reynolds said, – and how they're compensated because they – they are, you know, they are compensated on numbers and so there are some certain amount of money that goes toward that. But I understand where you're coming from. We have that information by zip code, so we can give it to you exactly.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Excuse me, Portia (Bosco)?

Youth Commissioner Portia Bosco said, I'm from the Chatham County Youth Commissioners, and we just wanted to know who leads the Safety Net Council?

Dr. Reynolds said, who leads it?

Youth Commissioner Bosco said, yes.

Dr. Reynolds said, well I do.

Youth Commissioner Bosco said, oh, okay. Thank you.

Dr. Reynolds said, but the Chair is Dr. Diane Weems. She's in the audience. She's also the – the Medical Director of the Health Department. So we operate – but I am the Executive Director, so I get to represent all the work that they do.

Youth Commissioner Bosco said, okay.

Dr. Reynolds said, so they make me look good. And then Dr. Weems and the Executive Committee, I report to them, and they make the big decisions and then the Council meets every other month as a whole. There are about 30 members.

Youth Commissioner Bosco said, all right. Thank you.

Dr. Reynolds said, sure.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right, doctor, thank you very much on behalf of the Chatham County Commission, we really appreciate –

Dr. Reynolds said, I have just a little bit more.

Chairman Liakakis said, oh you've got more?

Dr. Reynolds said, yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, oh, okay.

Dr. Reynolds said, I have just a little bit. If that's all right. I wanted to tell you a little bit about Chatham Health Forum. Okay. This is our Health Information Exchange. Our investment in technology is vital to our being able to share information and reduce costs and improve quality. I think the example that Mr. Odell proposed as far as really understanding where the cost comes in is a very good one. According to that we have and so has Chatham County, we've gotten a lot of wide-spread recognition in the state and federally for going in this direction to try to understand our community problems. We've had this Information Exchange in use for 18 months. We have over 200,000 encounters logged in a central data base. In fact now it's probably closer to 225,000, and we're getting much better and more educated in how to put the data in there and how to use it, and so all of our providers in the system, are – have at least begun the transfer to electronic medical records and three of them have 100% of their patients within electronic medical records. Our IT consortium is the one that actually does the work of bringing everybody together and deciding on the next steps. So we're planning that now and our goal is to have all the Safety Net providers linked into the system by the end of next year. And I also wanted you to know that recently you might have read that the Georgia Department of Community Health got a \$12 million federal grant for – to grow the state HIE, and we're at the table with them and in line for subawards, but we would not be in line for them if we did not have your support for sustainability. They don't – they don't give extra money to a project that they think is dwindling or has no reason to keep going. So I just wanted to point out how important it was and thank you again for funding that project as part of the indigent care funds.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman?

Dr. Reynolds said, and one more recommendations for going forward is that we are committed to answer the health care needs of all of the uninsured Chatham County citizens, whatever they may be, and providing them with a medical home. We also want to continue to engage the larger care community, especially hospitals and specialists so that our continuum of care is consistent, efficient and of highest quality. And in support of our efforts, we'll continue to support – to pursue all opportunities for grants and build a solid foundation of communication and data collection through information technology. And also we're planning on doing a lot more outreach into the community to make sure that all leaders in every sector understand the challenges of health care going forward in general, but then specifically for Chatham County and the uninsured population. So, now I was going to ask for questions but I think you've already asked them.

Chairman Liakakis said, go ahead Harris [Odell]?

Commissioner Odell said, I'll yield to Dean. I do have a question but Dean [Kicklighter] had his hand up first.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you. I was just curious, do you have the capacity right now – or I guess the ability to track all the medical records within the county other – in addition to the partners?

Dr. Reynolds said, we could as long as they're electronic.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay well have y'all asked –

Dr. Reynolds said, okay now not everybody's gone electronic, and as long as they agree to share them with us, we have the technology that we could do that. That's going to be a step by step thing that's also growing on the federal level I think that that's where we will be going.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I heard that the law changed or was about to change where it was going to require medical record sharing. Is that true?

Dr. Reynolds said, it – it does in a sense. It requires the sharing of medical records but that definition is broad. Exchanging health information can be as simple as sending a file in a secure manner from provider to provider.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right.

Dr. Reynolds said, okay. Our model we would like to include that function in it. We don't have it quite yet, but we'll have it among our providers eventually. But we do the next step, which we also send the data into a central system where we have software overlay, where if Mr. Smith goes here or there or there the – it automatically matches his record into a single one. They have a very sophisticated algorithm where they look at numerous factors such as name, address, social security number, perhaps telephone number, things like that so they can match it into a single record. That way we have a more complete record that providers can access. Now some people are a little hesitant about sending information in there, and one of the big discussions nationally and on the state level is how do we maintain privacy and security at the level that we need to for health information. And in doing that again we're with talks – and in fact we just voted to hire Georgia Legal Services to put our policy manual together for us so that it is based in the law and also very complete. But it is a law that going forward especially providers of Medicaid and Medicare and who want the incentives have to communicate that way, but the definition of that communication is broad.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, all right. Good. Well, I think it would look good if y'all could get others to join in and –

Dr. Reynolds said, oh yeah. We – we are working on that but the fact that we have both hospitals at the table means that we're well on the way to doing that.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, one – one other question and this was just out of curiosity here. I was reading through the – I guess the brochure part, and you received a grant from the Southeast Georgia Cancer –

Dr. Reynolds said, Alliance.

Commissioner Kicklighter said – Alliance. And I was just curious how much was that grant?

Dr. Reynolds said, the first year it was about 50,000 and the second year it was a little over 100,000

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay, and so do y'all still have monies left?

Dr. Reynolds said, no.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay.

Dr. Reynolds said, we – we spent them all on colonoscopies.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. So the 88 colonoscopies?

Dr. Reynolds said, correct.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, wow. That's absolutely expensive. That was what I was just curious to –

Dr. Reynolds said, well actually when we divided it out, we had education, screening, case management, and care and navigation to those colonoscopies and we divided all of those services by the number that we provided –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right.

Dr. Reynolds said, so there was a lot more but still it was about 40% of the normal cost of a colonoscopy.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right.

Dr. Reynolds said, and we removed oh, probably about 80 polyps from individuals which is considered prevention –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right.

Dr. Reynolds said, – because they may have progressed to being the actual cancer –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and I see where you trained 1429 people also? So that's – that's good.

Dr. Reynolds said, yes, exactly. Exactly.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, all right. Well thank you. Y'all are doing a great job.

Dr. Reynolds said, sure. And we – actually our next funding is to do the same with prostate cancer.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, wonderful.

Dr. Reynolds said, and allow individuals who can't afford them to get the biopsies.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, wonderful.

Dr. Reynolds said, anything else?

Commissioner Odell said, Paula [Reynolds] – yeah, yeah, just – just closing. You know, nationally the things that we will as a Commission –

Dr. Reynolds said, excuse me.

Commissioner Odell said, – be recognized for will be our Youth Commission, innovative, creative, informative. And Safety Net. I think Safety Net proves that you can be compassionate and fulfill your obligation, and this is the county's obligation. Healthcare is a top priority and a legal obligation. But you can do it in an efficient manner. That it does not mean that because you're providing a necessary service that it has to be inefficient. And I think this proves that it's very efficient. It is – it is in our economic best interest to get to a polyp before it becomes colon cancer. Couple of those become colon cancer, and they are admitted into either St. Joe's/Candler or Memorial, and do not if they are a part of that 19% that do not have health insurance then it could be devastating. So I commend you all, and I am grateful with the – grateful for the organizational structure in what you've done. I would add just two things. One is that as Dr. Weems will attest, one of the big health care providers in Chatham County is the Chatham County Jail.

Commissioner Thomas said, yep.

Commissioner Odell said, and – and that's unfortunate but it is the – it is necessary. Many of the people who come to our services at the jail have medical conditions that they do not know about until they get incarcerated. When they are released, if there were some continuity to help them get into the various programs that are available in this community, the long term effect is it would be cheaper for all of us. That's one. And two is this is a non-profit organization which is capable of receiving donations. I know you get grants but you can also get foundation donation, is that correct?

Dr. Reynolds said, yes, and we have actually had a few people in recent years designate their United Way donation to us.

Commissioner Odell said, right. You know –

Dr. Reynolds said, we don't like to actually compete with our partners though because –

Commissioner Odell said, no.

Dr. Reynolds said, – they are the ones who provide the care, and we would really prefer that they get the money although of course we would certainly use it.

Commissioner Odell said, at – at some point in time not conflicting with United Way, we have some of the large organizations in the community that are really doing innovative things as far as health care. One of the – our good community partners is Gulfstream. They have an excellent wellness program, it's proactive. It – it is light years. At some point I would like to meet with the Executive Committee to talk about approaches to some of the private industries for donations to this particular service. I think as my Bible says, those who do not have do not ask. I think a lot of the executives would be very receptive.

Dr. Reynolds said, thank you. That would be very welcome.

Chairman Liakakis said, Patrick [Farrell]?

Dr. Reynolds said, and I did want you to know that we have been in talks with the healthcare providers at the jail and participating with the Chatham Health Link. So that at least there's a continuity and as far as if they do show up after they've been released that there is a health record that can be accessed and reversed, that when they go into the jail if they're perhaps they're incarcerated, there's something that somebody there can look at so things aren't duplicated all the time.

Commissioner Odell said, and we know about potential contamination problems or infectious problems which –

Dr. Reynolds said, yeah.

Commissioner Odell said, – in a closed population –

Dr. Reynolds said, yes we do.

Commissioner Odell said, – could be catastrophic. So.

Dr. Reynolds said, yes, sir. All right?

Commissioner Farrell said, yeah, I – along those lines was wondering if in the future we could incorporate the data from the Chatham County Detention Center along with all the providers that you've already mentioned, including the private hospitals, to give some – some further clarification of where people are getting treated and who's picking up the tab for it.

Dr. Reynolds said, all right. I'll get in touch with them and see if we can't present at least at – on the same day next year and if not put it all together.

Commissioner Farrell said, 'cause I see where the, you know, the Chatham County Commissioners, you know, put in a pretty hefty amount but I don't think it's reflected in the total county population if we don't include the data from the Detention Center, because I think we – there's probably a pretty good size number of dollars spent in that facility also treating citizens of the county and non-citizens alike, so it would be helpful to – to have a more global –

Dr. Reynolds said, okay.

Commissioner Farrell said, – perspective –

Dr. Reynolds said, all right.

Commissioner Farrell said, – by including that data –

Dr. Reynolds said, right.

Commissioner Farrell said, – if it was possible. You could –

Dr. Reynolds said, that's a great idea.

Commissioner Farrell said, integrate that.

Dr. Reynolds said, okay.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, Patrick [Farrell], what I could tell what – 'cause I have to sign the bills for that, it's somewhere around \$5 million a year we pay for the prisoners' medical in the Chatham County Jail. Go ahead Patrick [Shay] and then Priscilla [Thomas].

Commissioner Shay said, I'll – I'll be brief. Thank you for the – a really comprehensive report. It's got more, you know, data in it than years previous, and you've always been great about taking whatever we ask for in one year and making sure you follow up in the next. One of the things that becomes very clear to me in looking at this, we spend on the order of \$5 million through the Safety Net Council to help provide their services and it now sounds like maybe another \$5 million to provide services through our own Detention Center, and the trend line is increasing. I was seeing that it's gone up 10,000 over the last five years the number of people that are being served. If we don't make a serious effort at preventative health in this community, we're going to be completely under water as a government trying to figure out how to react to it, and I know that the idea of doing the screenings is an example of that. Catching a polyp before it becomes cancerous is part of that. Maybe helping somebody to understand that if they ate more collard greens and less Twinkies before it became a polyp would also be part of that. And I'm being simplistic, but I think the efforts that are already underway through the Healthy Savannah initiative and other allied agencies to try and reach the population that tends to be showing up in your statistics eventually and helping them to understand that they can take control of their own lives and be a lot more healthy so that they don't have to come and visit these places, that that is, you know, that proverbial, you know, ounce of prevention that would save us many pounds of cure on the back end. So I would hope that my Commissioners would be thinking about that as we go forward, is they're already doing a significant amount of preventative work in what they're spending, but we also have other avenues just as the Commissioners with our own employees have – have promoted wellness and apparently there are some private employers that are – that are doing even more than we do. We've got to figure out how to raise the consciousness of our whole community to the fact that we all deserve to be healthy, and if that means no smoking in indoor places or helping people to understand that food comes from the ground, and that, you know, green stuff is better for you than the pink stuff and the blue stuff, then we should be all about investing in that.

Chairman Liakakis said, Priscilla [Thomas]?

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. My fellow colleagues have hit upon several things that I wanted to ask but I would not be redundant in that. But I would like to follow-up on the part about raising the consciousness of the community, and I can tell you that several of the doctors that are affiliated with the various hospitals and even just private doctors are now going into the communities. They are going into the churches. Just this past Saturday we had a workshop on prostate [sic] cancer and this is an ongoing relationship with those doctors that are trying to get the message out. And I just want to say to you that Safety Net has been an asset to this county and I'm very happy that you have taken the role that you have, and we appreciate you so very much and thank you.

Dr. Reynolds said, thank you very much. And I'll say thank you on behalf of everyone who is here and isn't here today.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, and we'd like to thank the whole Commission to the Chatham County Safety Net and all the members because you have made a difference in the community. You have given medical services to those that didn't have the availability of it in one way or the other and it has really helped many of those that might have been – some might have been lost if they hadn't gotten the things that all of the members provide, you know, for people in our community. So thanks again to all of you and thanks again to you, doctor, for being the director and helping put things together. All right.

Dr. Reynolds said, my pleasure. Thank you.

Commissioner Odell said, can we video some of this for our television station and the excellent information to have a sit down interview with Dr. Reynolds and pictures of the Board, you know, and basically what she's done here today, if we have that as a scheduled separate segment that runs routinely on our television station?

Assistant County Manager Pat Monahan said, yes, sir, I'll see that it's done.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. All right, next item – thank you again, doctor.

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**2. PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL WEATHERIZATION MONTH. TERRY TOLBERT WILL BE RECEIVING.**

Chairman Liakakis said, next we have proclamation declaring October the 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 as National Weatherization Day. And the – there will be representatives from the Economic Opportunity for the Savannah-Chatham Area who will be receiving this, and I see that we do have a couple of people now, and Commissioner Shay if you will go up and present the proclamation. Terry [Tolbert], come up front there.

Commissioner Shay said, good to see you. Mr. Chairman, I thank you for the opportunity to read this proclamation. Preventative health is very important but also is prevention of the waste of energy and the waste of our resources in that regard is equally important to our community health.

Commissioner Shay read the proclamation as follows:



**WHEREAS**, the Economic Opportunity for Savannah-Chatham County Area, Inc., Weatherization Program has weatherized more than 346 homes throughout Chatham County since September 2009 saving low-income residents more than 30% in energy costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Economic Opportunity for Savannah-Chatham County Area, Inc., Weatherization Program has weatherized more than 2800 homes throughout Chatham County for more than 36 years; and

**WHEREAS** the Economic Opportunity for Savannah-Chatham County Area, Inc., Weatherization Program has been active in energy conservation and green technology in Chatham County for more than 36 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Economic Opportunity for Savannah-Chatham County Area, Inc., has helped make homes healthier and safer by testing homes for carbon monoxide and replacing combustible systems that produce carbon monoxide.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Pete Liakakis, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim Sunday, October 30, 2011 as:

**WEATHERIZATION DAY**

in Chatham County and do applaud the Economic Opportunity for Savannah-Chatham County Area, Inc., for all they do to ensure a better living for low-income citizens.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October.

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Pete Liakakis, Chairman  
Chatham County Commission

**ATTEST:**

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Gail F. Gordon, Administrative  
Assistant to the Chairman

Commissioner Shay said, and I'm going to present this to you, Mr. Tolbert, on behalf of the Economic Opportunity Authority and thank both of you for the work that you do.

Mr. Terry Tolbert Deputy Director of the Economic Authority said, thank you so much for this proclamation. John Finney couldn't be here today, this is – Barry [Polk] is one of our workers. We actually have eight men who work for us, and we hire ten contractors to help us with providing weatherization services throughout the county.

Chairman Liakakis said, do this Terry [Tolbert], give your name.

Mr. Tolbert said, my name is Terry Tolbert. I'm the deputy director for EOA here in Savannah. Barry works with us with weatherization. He is a weatherization technician. The other men are out in the street. We wanted to bring at least one of the men here today. We do at least 28 houses per month. In addition to just weatherizing houses and making them more energy consciousness [sic], we make certain that the house is healthy. When we go in we do what we call a carbon monoxide testing. We call it CHAZ. It's a worse-case scenario just in case carbon monoxide leak out of the house. We have eight men who are BPI certified, and so when we go in – when we finish a house, it is extremely healthy when we leave it. So we want to thank you on behalf of the Economic Opportunity Authority for this proclamation.

Commissioner Odell said, Terry [Tolbert], what are some of the kinds of things you all do as far as weatherization?

Mr. Tolbert said, well we – we – we do what we call a dense pack weatherization. We go in and we put insulation in the walls, we put insulation in the windows. We replace heating systems once we close up the envelope. We determine that – if there is carbon monoxide leaking which there are in most cases which create health issues for people in our community, what we'll do is we'll replace the heating system; we'll replace the cooking system and the hot water tank if its leaking – leaking carbon monoxide. In addition, most houses that were built before 1990 didn't – were not vented from the bathrooms to the roof. The codes allowed you to have a bathroom that was – if it had a window in it it was vented. So if you're taking a shower, the water that you take a shower it creates moisture in the house and also then creates mold and mildew. So what we do is we'll go in and vent every part of the house that needs ventilating, like the kitchen, the bathrooms, to the ceiling – to the attic – to the roof. Anything you want to add Barry?

Barry [Polk] said, no, sir.

Commissioner Thomas said, I just want to say –

Commissioner Odell said, Barry [Polk] is not a big talker, is he?

Chairman Liakakis said, no. Thank you very much, Terry [Tolbert]. We appreciate that and we know all the good work that the EOA does in our community also. Priscilla [Thomas]?

Commissioner Thomas said, I just want to say as the County's representative on the EOA board, they are doing a tremendous job, and I'm very proud to be on that board because they are very professional. They are professional at what they do, and they do a great job. So – and Mr. Tolbert and others, we just thank you so very much and hope that we can continue to help as many people as we can.

Mr. Tolbert said, thank you very much.

Chairman Liakakis said, Emily [Bermudez]? Wait a –

Youth Commissioner Emily Bermudez said, also I would like to congratulate you on behalf of the Chatham County Youth Commission on making October 30<sup>th</sup> the National Weatherization Day.

Mr. Tolbert said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Thank you – thanks again.

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**VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS**

None.

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**VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS**

**1. PROGRESSIVE RECREATION CENTER LEASE (COMMISSIONER THOMAS).**

Chairman Liakakis said, next on the item we have Progressive Recreation Center issue. Commissioner Thomas will speak on that, and then we'll have our number one assistant county manager of the U.S.A. will then respond to it also.

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I had this placed on the agenda for today because I do represent the Progressive Recreation Center and what they're asking is that we assist them with the storm water amounts that they have listed in our agenda, and I would like for Mr. Monahan to help me explain to the, you know, the general public what this is all about because Chatham County is the lessee and the recreation department is the lessor. Did I get it right?

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, yes, ma'am, you did.

Commissioner Thomas said, and this contract was there long before I became a County Commissioner so I think Mr. Monahan has a better handle on it than I have. So if you would so kindly do that for me, please.

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, thank you, Dr. Thomas. In 1987 the County entered into an agreement to lease three, four, five acres of land – I don't remember the exact size, from the Progressive Recreation Center for the development of the Salt Creek Boat Ramp. The Progressive Recreation Center is located on Ogeechee Road. The Progressive Recreation Center provided this property which provides access to Salt Creek, so it not only provides fishing for launching boats, small boats, as well as the fishing pier and a picnic pavilion. It's – it's a pleasant setting. I've been there a couple times. The – two years ago the City of Garden City instituted a storm water utility to offset some of its expense for storm water maintenance within its incorporated limits. The City of Garden City annexed this property a few years back and so charged the Progressive Recreation Center approximately for 20 months of storm water utility at a total cost of \$1,105. I just rounded that off, so approximately \$55 a month.

Assistant County Manager Monahan said, I have two recommendations. The first would be as a matter of good will because the Progressive Recreation Center has made this property available to the public that the County reimburse the Progressive Recreation Center the \$1,105. In addition because this lease will be expiring next year I'll work with the county attorney to – to make some changes to the lease to recognize that in the future whether it's an annual payment the County makes or just a minimal payment, maybe \$1,000 a year, to allow the Progressive Recreation Center to handle these future expenses.

Commissioner Odell said, I make the motion to approve.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

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

Commissioner Thomas said, thank you all so very much.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Odell moved that the county reimburse the Progressive Recreation Center the \$1,105 and for Assistant County Manager Pat Monahan and County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart to revise the lease with the Progressive Recreation Center. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION**

Chairman Liakakis said, what I'd like to do right now is introduce members of our Chatham County Youth Commission. And on my left here is Portia Bosco who is the representative for Windsor Forest High School, and next is Emily Bermodez (phonetic) – is that it Emily?

Youth Commissioner Bermudez said, Bermudez.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, who is the Youth Commissioner for St. Vincent's Academy, and on her left is Philiseah Bell who is the Youth Commissioner for Cavalry – Calvary Day School. And we thank all three of you for coming today and especially for participating.

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**VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS**

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

Chairman Liakakis said, next on the agenda, there are no Tabled/Reconsidered Items.

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**IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTION**

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

- 1. **TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS: (1) IN THE FY2011 GENERAL FUND M&O, TRANSFER \$35,910 FROM THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT BUDGET AND \$6,790 FROM THE FLEET WARRANTY DEPARTMENT BUDGET TO THE FLEET OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT BUDGET, (2) IN THE FY2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND APPROVE TRANSFERS AMONG RECREATION PROJECTS AND AMEND PROJECTS BUDGETS**

**AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED MEMO, AND (3) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$17,821 IN THE FY2012 MULTIPLE GRANT FUND.**

Chairman Liakakis said, on Items for Individual Action now, one, to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: (1) the fiscal year 2011 General Fund M&O, transfer of \$35,910 from the Human Resources Department budget and \$6,790 from the Fleet Warranty Department budget to the Fleet Operations Department budget, (2) in the fiscal year 2012 Capital Improvement Fund approve transfers among recreation projects and amend project budgets as shown on the attached memo, and (3) increase revenues and expenditures \$17,821 in the fiscal year 2012 Multiple Grant Fund. Need a motion on the floor.

Commissioner Thomas said, move for approval.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Thomas moved for approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: (1) in the FY 2011 General Fund M&O, transfer \$35,910 from the Human Resources Department budget and \$6,790 from the Fleet Warranty Department budget to the Fleet Operations Department budget, (2) in the FY2012 Capital Improvement Fund approve transfers among recreation projects and amend project budgets as shown on the attached memo, and (3) increase revenues and expenditures \$17,821 in the FY2012 Multiple Grant Fund. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present for the vote].

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-1**

**AGENDA DATE: October 21, 2011**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

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

**FROM:** Linda B. Cramer, Finance Director

**ISSUE:** To request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: (1) in the FY 2011 General Fund M&O, transfer \$35,910 from the Human Resources Department budget and \$6,790 from the Fleet Warranty Department budget to the Fleet Operations Department budget, (2) in the FY2012 Capital Improvement Fund approve transfers among recreation projects and amend project budgets as shown on the attached memo, and (3) increase revenues and expenditures \$17,821 in the FY2012 Multiple Grant Fund.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Fiscal 2011 expenditures for Fleet Operations exceeded budget by \$42,700. Favorable budget variances from other departments will be used to offset Fleet's shortfall.
2. A resolution showing the final General Fund 2011 budget is attached.
3. The Deputy Director of Public Works and Park Services has requested transfers among recreation projects in the Capital Improvement Program Fund. Correspondence is attached.
4. The October 7, 2011 carryforwards duplicated a Victim Witness grant for \$15,720. The Sheriff K-9 grant has an addition of \$33,541. The net increase in the fund is \$17,821. A resolution is attached.

**FUNDING:** Funds are available in the Human Resources, Fleet Warranty budgets and Capital Improvement Program Fund for the transfers. The budget amendments will establish funding in the Capital Improvement Program and the Multiple Grant funds.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. That the Board approve the following:

**GENERAL FUND M&O FUND 2011**

- a) Transfer \$35,910 from Human Resources to Fleet Operations Budget.
- b) Transfer \$6,790 from Fleet Warranty to Fleet Operations Budget.
- c) A resolution detailing the final 2011 Amended Budget.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FY2012**

Transfer Recreation project funds as enumerated on the attached memo and adopt amended project budgets.

**MULTIPLE GRANT FUND FY2012**

- a) Increase revenues and expenditures \$33,541 for the Sheriff's K-9 Grant.
  - b) Decrease revenues and expenditures \$15,720 to correct a duplicated Victim Witness Grant.
2. Amend or deny the request.

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Estelle Brown

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

Chairman Liakakis said, next on the agenda there's the CNT drug squad monthly report given by Director Everett Ragan.

Mr. D. Everett Ragan, CNT Director said, good morning ladies and gentlemen. Hopefully I'll keep it real short this morning. Basically we picked up 85 cases – investigations starting in September; 49 of those we've already closed out. You can see the amount of drugs that were seized. Again in September we're looking at the quantity of again prescription pills and ecstasy and those type of things that we were picking up as far as our – our major drug players this – this – this month. You can see the year to date how much we have – have seized over – up until this present time. And if you look at the pie chart you can see primarily we're still seeing – seizing a lot of powder cocaine as our main drug.

Director Ragan said, two weapons were recovered, makes 68 for the total this year. Forty-four people were arrested. A total of 357 so far this year for our arrests. You see we didn't really have any official drug complaints received from Silent – from CrimeStoppers green sheets this month. You see where we've had 381 received for the year and 247 of those have been assigned for further follow up. Looking at the pie charts again for the amount of hours we've put in year to date in the precincts and the municipalities and the unincorporated area; 498 hours last month were spent in the unincorporated area of Chatham County for investigation purposes.

Director Ragan said, just a couple of the significant events on some of our cases. Again, an adoption case we received from Metro Police Department actually out off around 95 and 204. One stop, three individuals out of Bryan County. You can see a .30 caliber, pills and cocaine received – recovered in that car. They had – they had left a bar in Savannah and then gotten stopped on the southside. Again pills. One – one case we picked up, were buying some pills off Abercorn Street, lead us to Middleground Road, southside precinct, again marijuana, loaded handgun on the table with two small children in the house at the time and money that we received – recovered in that one. Again, meth lab, some other pills. One of the little side things we – we can show was actually on the last thing. In one of the our cases we were interviewing our – our defendant. His parents very concerned, they were actually with us on the interview. The kid had had a problem out of high – out of college with prescription pills. Parents were actually testing him quite frequently as far as drugs, and once we caught him and his parents were in the room, his father just flat out asked him, how are you passing these urine – urine tests we've given? And he informed us that for 29.95 you can go to a little shop here on MLK and – and Martin Luther King there's a little – little head shop there and buy a packet of pure urine with a little heat pack on it and he said he has – he's passed over 20 of his drug tests his parents give him by going down and purchase. So we – we went down and bought one, and sure enough, you can buy a packet of urine and that helps. So we – we put it out intelligence wise for the law enforcement areas in the community. And that's how this kid – and he was college-educated, had a good job, and the fact of the matter is that's how he beat the drug test with just going down and buying urine from a – a shop on MLK. Run into strange things like that all the time, so. Any questions this morning? I know you had a short docket.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

Chairman Liakakis said, oh, go ahead, Helen [Stone].

Commissioner Stone said, I would just like to thank you for distributing this report ahead so that we have the opportunity to read it versus it being put in front of our seats –

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

Commissioner Stone said, – and trying to go through it real quickly. So thank you.

Director Ragan said, yes, ma'am.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you, Everett [Ragan] –

Director Ragan said, okay.

Chairman Liakakis said, – for the good job –

Commissioner Thomas said, good job.

Chairman Liakakis said, – and for all of the drug agents. We appreciate that.

Director Ragan said, thank you, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, 'cause our community don't understand there's been thousands and thousands of arrests that the drug squad has done since it was put into effect in 1994, and we'll be giving those figures out in very near future about all – all of those whether it was drugs, whether it was seizures or weapons, and other items also. So thanks again.

Director Ragan said, thank you.

**AGENDA ITEM: IX-2**  
**AGENDA DATE: October 21, 2011**

Chatham~Savannah Counter Narcotics Team	
Monthly Report	September, 2011

NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS	
Investigations:	Number
Investigations Initiated During the month	85
Total Number of Investigations Cleared (Arrest, E.C., Unfounded)	49

DRUGS SEIZED			
Drug Type	Value	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	44.0 Grams	\$4,400.00
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	8.2 Grams	\$820.00
Methamphetamine	\$100 per gram**	.40 Grams	\$40.00
Marijuana	\$140 per ounce*	28.40 Ounces	\$3,976.00
Heroin	\$250 per gram*	0 Grams	\$.00
Ecstasy	\$25 Dosage Unit	67 D/U	\$1,675.00
Misc. Pills	\$30 Dosage Unit	518 D/U	\$15,540.00
Hallucinogens	\$10.00 per gram *	0 Grams	\$.00
Synthetic (Steroids)	\$10.00 per ml *	10 ml	\$100.00

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

DRUGS SEIZED—YEAR TO DATE		
Drug Type	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	419.06 Grams	\$41,906.00
Crack Cocaine	259.6 Grams	\$25,960.00
Methamphetamine	585.3 Grams	\$58,530.00
Marijuana	4,292.4 Ounces	\$600,936.00
Heroin	72.80 Grams	\$18,200.00
Ecstasy	613 D/U	\$15,325.00
Misc. Pills	9,271 D/U	\$278,130.00
Hallucinogens	0 Grams	\$0
Synthetic (Steroids)	460.5 ml	\$4,605.00

DRUGS PURCHASED			
Drug Type	Value	Approx. Weight	Approx. Total Value
Powder Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	30.90 Grams	\$3,090.00
Crack Cocaine	\$100 per gram*	5.40 Grams	\$540.00
Methamphetamine	\$100 per gram**	0 Grams	\$.00
Marijuana	\$140 per ounce*	3.15 Ounces	\$441.00
Heroin	\$250 per gram*	0 Grams	\$.00
Ecstasy	\$25 Dosage Unit	0D/U	\$.00
Misc. Pills	\$30 Dosage Unit	18 D/U	\$540.00

Source: Office National Drug Control Policy  
 \*\* Source: Established regional average price

WEAPONS SEIZED	
Firearms (including hand guns and long guns)	2
<b>Year To Date Totals</b>	<b>68</b>

PERSONS ARRESTED	
Felony*	8
Felony Sales/Trafficking	31
Misdemeanor	1
Felony Non-Drug**	4
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Year To Date Totals</b>	<b>357</b>

\*Felony includes Manufacturing Methamphetamine or Marijuana

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

DRUG COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED		
Drug Complaints	Received	Assigned
Project Log/Official Complaints	0	0
Hot Line / Call-In Complaints	17	17
Green Sheets/ Outside Agencies	4	4
Crime Stopper Complaints	33	31
<b>DRUG COMPLAINTS—YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>247</b>

### DRUG INVESTIGATIONS HOURS WORKED BY ZONE

SCMPD – All Precincts	<b>TOTAL 2,252</b>
Municipalities (Unincorporated Chatham County—498 hours)	<b>TOTAL 906</b>

Administrative Hours	640
Case Administration	680
Pharmaceutical Diversions	240
Central Intelligence	480
Out of County (Task Force Operations, etc.)	72
Assistance Rendered to Outside Agencies	14
Training	495
Court Hours	24
	<b>TOTAL 2,645</b>

**Total Hours Worked** 5,803

#### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- On 09/09/2011, CNT agents received a call for assistance from SCMPD in reference to a subject in possession of various pharmaceutical drugs and a loaded rifle. Agents assisted and located the aforementioned pills, cocaine, packaging materials and a loaded .30 caliber rifle. Agents conducted interviews of the suspects and arrested both subjects for drug and weapon charges.
- On 09/13/2011, CNT agents conducted an investigation involving prescription medication, specifically Roxycodone. This led to the seizure of over 300 Roxycodone pills, numerous other medications, and several arrests. During the operations it was observed that a female subject was actually injecting herself with Roxycodone while driving with a small female child. Agents made contact with female and found several used syringes along with crushed Roxycodone. The child was released to the aunt and the female was charged accordingly.
- On 09/15/2011, CNT agents concluded a short term investigation involving subjects selling ecstasy and marijuana. Two search warrants were executed (1700 block of Abercorn/10801 Middleground Road) that resulted in the seizure of approximately 30 pills of ecstasy, over 1.5 pounds of high grade marijuana, a loaded .38 caliber pistol, approximately \$6,047 in currency, and various packaging materials. Two subjects were arrested and charged with sale of ecstasy and other drug/weapons charges.
- On 09/15/2011, Major Case concluded a short term investigation involving a female subject attempting to sell a large amount of anabolic steroids that belonged to her boyfriend who has been in jail for several months. During the investigation, agents seized a large amount of pills and liquid steroids from the female.
- On 09/23/2011, CNT agents conducted an investigation in Bryan County in reference to a suspected meth lab. A search of the residence and property revealed numerous components that were utilized in manufacturing meth. Based on the items seized it was obvious that the subjects had been manufacturing meth on the property for some time. All items associated with the lab were seized and rendered safe. During subsequent interviews it was learned that the actual “cook” was currently out on bond from Bulloch County concerning a meth lab, and was also wanted in Effingham County for purchasing pseudoephedrine with the intent to manufacture meth. The subject was arrested and charged in the corresponding jurisdictions.

6. During the month of September, agents debriefed a defendant who provided information on how to "get around" urine tests for drugs. The defendant advised that a store located on MLK named Thomas Leather was selling fake urine kits. The defendant explained that the kit contained fake urine, tubing, a heating pack, and that he had used it numerous times in the past without detection. Agents visited the business and purchased the fake urine for \$29.95 which boasted a 500% money back guarantee. The information was forwarded to CNT Intel to disperse within CNT and to other agencies.

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**X. ACTION CALENDAR**

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

Chairman Liakakis said, next item, Action Calendar. We have Items 1 through 6 and under Item 6, we have Items A through J. We need a –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve.

Commissioner Gellatly said, second.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, second. And do you have any items you'd like to hold out?

Commissioner Shay said, item 5.

Chairman Liakakis said, item 5.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve everything excluding item 5.

Commissioner Gellatly said, second.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

- a. Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve Items 1 through 6 and under item 6, Items A through J with the exception of Items 5. Commissioners Gellatly and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present for the vote.]
- b. Commissioner Shay moved to approve a Resolution to transmit the short term work program report of accomplishments (2006-2011) and the short term work program (2011-2016) to the Coastal Regional Commission. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell 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 OCTOBER 7, 2011, AS MAILED.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 7, 2011, as mailed. Commissioners Gellatly and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present for the vote.]

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**2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 29, 2011 THROUGH OCTOBER 12, 2011.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period September 29, 2011 through October 12, 2011, in the amount of \$5,209,241. Commissioners Gellatly and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present for the vote.]

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**3. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AND CHATHAM COUNTY PERTAINING TO THE COUNTY'S ROLE AS GUARANTOR OF THE AUTHORITY'S CREDIT LINE.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved the Board to approve an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between Chatham Area Transit and Chatham County pertaining to the County's role as Guarantor of the Authority's credit line. Commissioners Gellatly and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-3**  
**AGENDA DATE: October 21, 2011**

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

**ISSUE:** To approve an amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between Chatham Area Transit and Chatham County pertaining to the County's role as Guarantor of the Authority's credit line.

**BACKGROUND:** On August 24, 2007 the County and CAT entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement whereby the County would act as Guarantor for CAT's line of credit with Wachovia Bank. The Agreement was amended on October 5, 2007, November 7, 2008, and October 8, 2010, as the credit line was renewed. On October 7, 2011 the CAT Board approved renewal of a \$1.7 million line of credit with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. The bank is again requesting that the County guarantee the credit line.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The Chatham Area Transit Authority has an existing line of credit with Wells Fargo Bank expiring on December 31, 2011. The line of credit is backed by a guaranty from Chatham County via an Intergovernmental Agreement between CAT and Chatham County. On October 7, 2011 the CAT Board authorized renewal of the line of credit in the amount of \$1.7 million to assist with cash flow shortfalls.
2. The line of credit is necessary to provide cash flow to CAT in periods of low property tax collections. Most of CAT's property tax revenue is collected in November and December annually.
3. Wells Fargo has asked the County to again act as guarantor on the credit line; therefore, the Intergovernmental Agreement between CAT and Chatham County requires updating so that the County can continue in the role of guarantor.

**FUNDING:** Funding to repay interest on the credit line is provided in the Chatham Area Transit Authority fiscal 2012 budget (Veolia budget). As guarantor the County would be asked to cover any shortfalls should CAT default on repayment of the credit line.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** Approval of amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement will ensure the County's role as guarantor of the credit line. The credit line will provide the Authority as needed cash at periods of low revenue collection.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between CAT and Chatham County for the County's role as Guarantor of the line of credit, or
2. Provide staff with other direction.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Alternative #1.

STATE OF GEORGIA \*  
COUNTY OF CHATHAM \*

**AMENDMENT TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

THIS AMENDMENT TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011, by and among **CHATHAM COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, hereinafter referred to as "County," and **CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY**, hereinafter referred to as "CAT":

## WITNESSETH

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, as the governing body of the County, has the responsibility for assisting and providing efficient and financially sound public transportation; and,

**WHEREAS**, CAT is an independent agency created by the local act of the General Assembly, for the purpose of providing public transportation within the County; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to this legislation, CAT has operated public transportation within Chatham County, including buses, paratransit services, and waterway shuttle services across the Savannah River; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Board of Commissioners of the County are also members of the CAT Board; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the public interest that CAT be financially sound to ensure its ability to provide the service of public transportation; and,

**WHEREAS**, CAT operates its financial budget from funds received primarily through fares collected from the public using CAT's transportation services, tax revenues collected in the Chatham County Special Service Transit District, and federal and state grant funds; and

**WHEREAS**, at various times during the calendar year, CAT's revenues may decrease due to fluctuation in passenger ridership and the timing of receipt of tax revenues and federal and state grant disbursements; and,

**WHEREAS**, federal funding of CAT operations is inconsistent; and,

**WHEREAS**, CAT has in the past obtained a line of credit for purposes of use during periods in which there is reduced cash flow revenue (such line of credit has been most recently with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.); and,

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Board of Commissioners of the County to ensure that CAT continues to have an appropriate line of credit to ensure continue public transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, any political subdivision of the State of Georgia may contract for any period not exceeding fifty years with any public authority for joint services, for the provision of services, or for the joint or separate use of facilities and equipment, provided such contracts deal with activities, services, or facilities which the contracting parties are authorized by law to undertake or provide; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 24, 2007, the parties entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement for purposes described therein, such Intergovernmental Agreement having been amended by Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement dated and agreed to on October 5, 2007 and November 7, 2008; and October 22, 2010;

**WHEREAS**, the parties are now desirous to extend such Intergovernmental Agreement, as heretofore amended;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the parties do more particularly enter into this Amendment to their foregoing Intergovernmental Agreement, as hereto amended, as follows:

1. The foregoing Intergovernmental Agreement between the parties dated August 24, 2007, as amended October 5, 2007, November 7, 2008, and October 22, 2010, is hereby further amended to extend the effective date and term of same through December 31, 2011.

2. Upon approval of the governing body of CAT and the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, the CAT staff may execute, enter into, and obtain a continuing line of credit with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., not to exceed \$1,700,000, upon such terms.

3. The CAT Board agrees that it will provide specific instructions as to the amount, time, interest and terms which CAT will negotiate with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and approve such terms.

4. The Board of Commissioners of the County shall, at all times, be informed as to the status of said credit line.

5. The Board of Commissioners of the County agrees that Chatham County shall continue as Guarantors of the indebtedness of CAT to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. pursuant to such line of credit, and should

for any reason CAT default upon any term or condition of the line of credit, the County shall continue to guarantee the performance of all obligations under the terms and conditions of the line of credit to CAT from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have caused there presents to be executed by their duly authorized officers and their seals affixed, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
(SEAL)

CHATHAM COUNTY

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Pete Liakakis

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Janice Bocook, Clerk  
(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
(SEAL)

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**4. REQUEST BOARD CONFIRM EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH GDOT FOR A TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT FOR THE SAVANNAH-OGEECHEE CANAL CORRIDOR GREENWAY.**

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Kicklighter moved the Board to confirm execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with GDOT for a Transportation Enhancement Grant for the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal Corridor Greenway. Commissioners Gellatly and Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-4**  
**AGENDA DATE: October 21, 2011**

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

**ISSUE:**  
To confirm execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with GDOT for a Transportation Enhancement Grant for the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal Corridor Greenway

**BACKGROUND:**  
At the October 7 meeting, the Board approved an engineering contract for a Transportation Enhancement project to fund part of the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal Corridor Greenway. Subsequent to the approval to begin engineering, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) sent a revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the project. Because of time constraints, and because the Board previously authorized the engineering work to begin, the Chairman and Clerk executed the agreement.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The MOU is attached. The County agrees to serve as project sponsor for the grant, provide a 20% local funding match, use qualified engineering firms knowledgeable of GDOT's Planned Development Process, meet environmental and historical requirements, and follow audit procedures. The County can comply with these measures.
2. The Chairman and Clerk executed the documents because of time constraints. Since the Board previously authorized the engineering work to begin, this approval remains consistent with the Board's prior commitment.
3. The scope of work includes Phase 1A (Dean Forest Road to I-95), design of a 50 foot bridge, 4 miles of trail; Phase 1B (I-95 to I-16) will include a pedestrian bridge over the canal, ½ mile of trail and a picnic area; Phase II (Ogeechee River to I-16) will be in four sections and include three pedestrian bridges, repair/stabilization of Lock 5, and 5.2 miles of trail. All work will be designed for ADA compliance. As much work will be completed within the availability of grant funding.

**FUNDING:**

A TEA grant, based on a reimbursable expense, will be \$400,000. Chatham County will use its 20% matching funds from the Greenspace, Open Space and Bikeways in SPLOST 2003-2008 (Open Space, Green Space and Bikeways (Fund/Department 3234985, Project 32378102, Object Code 5411011).

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- (1) That the Board confirm execution of a Memorandum of Understanding for the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal Corridor Greenway with GDOT.
- (2) That the Board take other action, as appropriate.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

Development of the S&O Canal Greenway as a TE project with a grant award promotes a Board-adopted project which serves historical and recreational purposes.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

**TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
AND  
CHATHAM COUNTY**

Chatham County, hereinafter called the "SPONSOR", and the Georgia Department of Transportation, hereinafter called the "DEPARTMENT".

RELATIVE TO

The SPONSOR assuming responsibility for tasks associated with Preliminary Engineering for project number 0002267, hereinafter called the "PROJECT".

WHEREAS the PROJECT is a Transportation Enhancement (TE) approved for Federal-Aid funds with a required local match of at least 20% of the PROJECT's Total Cost; and

I. IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE PARTIES:

That the SPONSOR fund 100% of the Preliminary Engineering for the PROJECT; and that the DEPARTMENT may apply said expenditure toward the SPONSOR'S local match of the PROJECT'S Total Cost, subject to the DEPARTMENT and the Federal Highway Administration's approval.

II. IT IS AGREED:

- A. That the SPONSOR certifies that local funds have been budgeted to undertake Preliminary Engineering for the PROJECT; and that an accounting system has been established to track project-specific Preliminary Engineering expenditures.
- B. That prior to construction of the PROJECT, the SPONSOR will certify, to the DEPARTMENT, the amount of eligible expended funds allowable toward the PROJECT'S Total Local Match.
- C. That if the PROJECT includes structures such as bridges or retaining walls, the SPONSOR will be required to use consultants pre-qualified with the DEPARTMENT.

III. IT IS AGREED:

- A. That construction funding will be dependent upon the SPONSOR receiving historical/environmental clearances through the DEPARTMENT; certifying existing or acquired Right-of-Way to the DEPARTMENT; producing a complete set of biddable construction plans

meeting appropriate safety, access, and design standards; and preparing and forwarding construction bid procedures and documents for the DEPARTMENT'S review.

- B. That nothing contained herein shall obligate the DEPARTMENT to proceed with subsequent stages of the PROJECT.
- C. That the SPONSOR'S expenditure prior to execution of an Agreement with the DEPARTMENT for construction of the PROJECT shall be at the sole cost and risk to the SPONSOR. Should the SPONSOR or the DEPARTMENT determine that for any reason the PROJECT is unable to enter subsequent stages, the DEPARTMENT is not responsible for reimbursement of local funds expended on the PROJECT.
- IV. The SPONSOR shall be responsible for all costs for the continual maintenance and the continual operations of the project, including any and all sidewalks and the grass strip between the curb and gutter and the sidewalk, within the PROJECT limits.
- V. The SPONSOR shall Certify that they have read and understand the regulations for CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCES WITH FEDERAL PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS, STATE AUDIT REQUIREMENTS, AND FEDERAL AUDIT REQUIREMENTS" as stated in Attachment "A" of this AGREEMENT and will comply in full with said provisions. If the SPONSOR fails to comply, the DEPARTMENT reserves the right to require reimbursement for any and all project expenses.
- VI. The SPONSOR shall accomplish all of the design activities for the PROJECT. The design activities shall be accomplished in accordance with the DEPARTMENT's Plan Development Process, the applicable guidelines of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, hereinafter referred to as "AASHTO", the DEPARTMENT's Standard Specifications Construction of Transportation Systems, 2001 Edition, the DEPARTMENT's Plan Presentation Guide, PROJECT schedules, and applicable guidelines of the DEPARTMENT. The SPONSOR's responsibility for design shall include, but is not limited to the following items:
- a. Prepare environmental studies, documentation, and reports for the PROJECT that show the PROJECT is in compliance with the provisions of the National Environmental Protection Act and Georgia Environmental Protection Act, and appropriate to the PROJECT funding. This shall include any and all archaeological, historical, ecological, air, noise, underground storage tanks (UST), and hazardous waste site studies required. The SPONSOR shall submit to the DEPARTMENT all environmental documents and reports for review and approval by the DEPARTMENT and the FHWA.
  - b. Perform all work required to obtain project permits, including, but not limited to, US Army Corps of Engineers 404 and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approvals. These efforts shall be coordinated with the DEPARTMENT.
  - c. Prepare the PROJECT's drainage design including erosion control plans and the development of the hydraulic studies for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Floodways and acquisition of all necessary permits associated with the drainage design.
  - d. Provide certification, by a Georgia Registered Professional Engineer, that the construction plans have been prepared under the guidance of the professional engineer and are in accordance with AASHTO and DEPARTMENT guidelines.
  - e. Failure of the SPONSOR to follow the DEPARTMENT's Plan Development Process will jeopardize the use of Federal funds in some or all of the categories outlined in this AGREEMENT, and it shall be the responsibility of the SPONSOR to make up the loss of that funding.
- VII. All Primary Consultant firms hired by the SPONSOR to provide services on the PROJECT shall be prequalified with the DEPARTMENT in the appropriate area-classes.
- VIII. The PROJECT construction and right of way plans shall be prepared in English units.
- IX. The DEPARTMENT shall review and has approval authority for all aspects of the PROJECT. The DEPARTMENT will work with the FHWA to obtain all needed approvals with information furnished by the SPONSOR.
- X. The SPONSOR shall be responsible for the design of all structure(s) and preparation of any required hydrological studies within the limits of this PROJECT in accordance with the DEPARTMENT's policies and guidelines. The SPONSOR shall perform all necessary survey efforts in order to complete the design of the structure(s) and prepare any required hydraulic and hydrological studies. The final structural plans shall be incorporated into this PROJECT as a part of this AGREEMENT.
- XI. The SPONSOR shall follow the DEPARTMENT's procedures for identification of existing and proposed utility facilities on the PROJECT. These procedures, in part, require all requests for existing, proposed, or relocated facilities to flow through the DEPARTMENT's Project Liaison and the District Utilities Engineer.
- XII. The SPONSOR shall address all railroad concerns, comments, and requirements to the satisfaction of the DEPARTMENT.
- XIII. Upon the SPONSOR's determination of the rights of way required for the PROJECT and the approval of right of way plans by the DEPARTMENT, the necessary rights of way for the PROJECT shall be acquired by the SPONSOR. Right of Way acquisition shall be in accordance with the law and the rule and regulations of the FHWA including, but not limited to, Title 23, United States Code; 23 CFR 710, et. seq., and 49 CFR Part 24, and the rules and regulations of the DEPARTMENT. Failure of the SPONSOR to follow these requirements may result in the loss of Federal funding for the PROJECT and it will be the

responsibility of the SPONSOR to make up the loss of that funding. All required right of way shall be obtained and cleared of obstructions, including underground storage tanks, prior to advertising the PROJECT for bids. The SPONSOR shall further be responsible for making all changes to the approved right of way plans, as deemed necessary by the DEPARTMENT, for whatever reason, as needed to purchase the right of way or to match actual conditions encountered. The SPONSOR shall be responsible for certifying the Right of Way.

XIV. Upon completion and approval of the PROJECT plans and bid documents, the DEPARTMENT will authorize the SPONSOR to advertise the project for bids. The SPONSOR shall be solely responsible for advertising and awarded the construction contract (subject to the DEPARTMENT’S recommendation) for the PROJECT.

XV. The SPONSOR shall review and make recommendations concerning all shop drawings prior to submission to the DEPARTMENT. The DEPARTMENT shall have final authority concerning all shop drawings.

XVI. The SPONSOR shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, and the coordination of all designs, drawings, specifications, and other services furnished by or on behalf of the SPONSOR pursuant to this AGREEMENT. The SPONSOR shall correct or revise, or cause to be corrected or revised, any errors or deficiencies in the designs, drawings, specifications, and other services furnished for this PROJECT. Failure by the SPONSOR to address the errors or deficiencies within 30 days shall cause the SPONSOR to assume all responsibility for construction delays caused by the errors and deficiencies. All revisions shall be coordinated with the DEPARTMENT prior to issuance. The SPONSOR shall also be responsible for any claim, damage, loss or expense that is attributable to negligent acts, errors, or omissions related to the designs, drawings, specifications and other services furnished by or on behalf of the SPONSOR pursuant to this AGREEMENT.

XVII. Both the SPONSOR and the DEPARTMENT hereby acknowledge that time is of the essence. The SPONSOR shall have the project ready to bid within 30 months from the Date of the Notice to Proceed with Preliminary Engineering.

XVIII. This AGREEMENT is made and entered into in FULTON COUNTY, Georgia, and shall be governed and construed under the laws of the State of Georgia. The covenants herein contained shall, except as otherwise provided, accrue to the benefit of and be binding upon the successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

XIX. IT IS AGREED:

- A. That the SPONSOR as the sub-recipient of Federal financial assistance will submit a copy of audited financial statements within 30 days of publication (in compliance with OMB Circular A-133), for all fiscal periods in which the Federal sub-grant funds are expended. GDOT reserves the right to take administrative action if the SPONSOR is unresponsive.

**Financial Statements will be submitted to:**

**A133Audits@dot.ga.gov**

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

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**CHATHAM COUNTY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner (SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Treasurer

Signed, Sealed & Delivered

This 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2011.  
In the presence of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

I attest that the Corporate Seal attached to this Document is in fact the seal of the Corporation and that the Officer of this Corporation executing this Document does in fact occupy the official position indicated and is duly authorized to execute such document on behalf of this Corporation.

ATTEST:

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Federal Employee Tax No.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCES**

I hereby certify that I am a principle and duly authorized representative of Chatham County whose address is 124 Bull Street, Savannah, GA 31401 and it is also certified that:

**I. PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS**

The below listed provisions of Federal Procurement requirements shall be complied with throughout the contract period:

- (a) 49 CFR Part 18 Section 36  
Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments – Procurement
- (b) 23 CFR 635 Subpart A – Contract Procedures

**II. STATE AUDIT REQUIREMENT**

The provision of Section 36-81-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Requirements of Audits" shall be complied with throughout the contract period in full such that:

- (a) Each unit of local government having a population in excess of 1,500 persons or expenditures of \$300,000.00 or more shall provide for and cause to be made an annual audit of the financial affairs and transactions of all funds and activities of the local government for each fiscal year of the local government.
- (b) The governing authority of each local unit of government not included above shall provide for and cause to be made the audit required not less often than once every two fiscal years.
- (c) The governing authority of each local unit of government having expenditures of less than \$300,000.00 in that government's most recently ended fiscal year may elect to provide for and cause to be made, in lieu of the biennial audit, an annual report of agreed upon procedures for that fiscal year.
- (d) A copy of the report and any comments made by the state auditor shall be maintained as a public record for public inspection during the regular working hours at the principal office of the local government. Those units of local government not having a principal office shall provide a notification to the public as to the location of and times during which the public may inspect the report.
- (e) The audits of each local government shall be conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards.

**III. FEDERAL AUDIT REQUIREMENT**

The provisions of OMB Circular A-133 issued pursuant to the Single Audit Act of 1984, P.L. 98-502, and the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, P.L. 104-156 shall be complied with throughout the contract period in full such that:

- (a) Non-Federal entities that expend \$500,000 or more in a year in Federal awards shall have a single or program-specific audit conducted for that year in accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular A-133.
- (b) Non-Federal entities that expend less than \$500,000 a year in Federal awards are exempt from Federal audit requirements for that year, but records must be available for review or audit by appropriate officials of the Federal agency, pass-through entity, and General Accounting Office (GAO).
- (c) Except for the provisions for biennial audits provided in paragraph (1) and (2) below, audits required shall be performed annually. Any biennial audit shall cover both years within the biennial period.
  - (1) A State or local government that is required by constitution or statute, in effect on January 1, 1987, to undergo its audits less frequently than annually, is permitted to undergo its audits biennially. This requirement must still be in effect for the biennial period under audit.

- (2) Any non-profit organization that had biennial audits for all biennial periods ending between July 1, 1992, and January 1, 1995, is permitted to undergo its audits biennially.
- (d) The audit shall be conducted in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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**5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO TRANSMIT THE SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS (2006-2011) AND THE SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM (2011-2016) TO THE COASTAL REGIONAL COMMISSION.**

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, item 5, request Board approve a Resolution to transmit the short term work program report of accomplishments 2006-2011 and the short term work program 2011-2016 to the Coastal Regional Commission. Patrick [Shay]?

Commissioner Shay said, I'd like to make a comment before I make a motion to adopt. The work plan on page 9 under the category of economic development, I'm going to read it so y'all don't have to thumb to the page. Goal one, work toward a community that provides the transportation infrastructure and increases the mobility options that are necessary to support planned growth county wide. There are two categories underneath of that, the second one says, designate economic development zones where people can live, work, and recreate in the same place and there's a – an X for not accomplished and then as a comment it says, this objective is being addressed through zoning rather than by designating economic development zones. And, I – I just – I – that's disappointing to me. I'll just point that out. I mean I – I think it is being addressed through zoning. I think there's a lot of really good work that's going on with the Unified Zoning Ordinance to try and achieve these objectives, but I think we can do a whole lot better, and I think we need to try to do a whole lot better especially in this regard to make sure that people are – are better served in being linked through mobility services. So I'm going to make a motion that we adopt, but I'm going to officially express my disappointment that we are not currently, actively pursuing economic development zones where people can live, work, and recreate in the same place.

Mr. Dennis Hutton said, Commissioner Shay, Dennis Hutton from the –

Chairman Liakakis said, go ahead. Janice [Bocook], did you get his name?

Clerk said, yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, good. Go ahead.

Mr. Hutton said, we can certainly and would be amenable to moving that over to a – from a not accomplished or really an abandoned goal to an ongoing goal and – and put that back on the table to – to pursue. I just – we had not heard of any – any real interest in pursuing that, but I – I – I agree with you that it would be – it would be worth pursuing. So if – if it's okay, we'll just – we'll make that change and put that as ongoing and – and continue to pursue that for the next five years.

Commissioner Shay said, with a short docket today, I won't go into great length, but actually – Dennis [Hutton] has actually heard a presentation that I made to the Georgia Planning Commission about mobility segregation and the devastating effects that people who don't have daily access to their own private automobile how difficult it is for them to be able to navigate in the – in the modern world. So hearing that, I would ask that we adopt this with the idea of moving the little X from not accomplished over to the category of currently underway.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, we have a motion on the floor. Need a second.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Commissioner Shay moved the Board to approve a Resolution to transmit the Short Term work Program Report of Accomplishments (2006-2011) and the Short Term Work Program (2011-2016) to the Coastal Regional Commission. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Odell was not present for the vote.]

**AGENDA ITEM: X-5**  
**AGENDA DATE: October 21, 2011**



**CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

*"Planning the Future – Respecting the Past"*

----- MEMORANDUM -----

**TO:** BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**THRU:** R. E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER

**FROM:** THOMAS L. THOMSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**LEGAL NOTICE/AGENDA HEADING**

Tri-Centennial Comprehensive Plan Short Term Work Program Accomplishments  
MPC File No. F-110921-49392-1

**ISSUE:**

Approval of a Resolution to transmit the Short Term Work Program *Report of Accomplishments (2006-2011)* and the *Short Term Work Program (2011-2016)* to the Coastal Regional Commission.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Comprehensive Plan consists of three parts: the Community Assessment, the Public Participation Plan, and the Community Agenda. The Community Agenda includes a Strategic Plan which contains the community's goals and a list of strategies that will result in achieving the goals; and a Short Term Work Program (STWP) that identifies who will accomplish the goals, the cost, and a time of completion.

The Comprehensive Plan must be updated every ten years. The Plan for unincorporated Chatham County and the City of Savannah was approved in 2006, and the next major update will be in 2016. The Department of Community Affairs requires that a progress report on the Short Term Work Program be submitted to the Coastal Regional Commission five years after adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, and that a new Short Term Work Program be submitted for the next five years ending in 2016. The Report and revised Short Term Work Program is due at the end of October 2011.

**FINDINGS:**

1. The Department of Community Affairs provides a form that includes four possible responses related to accomplishments:
  - Completed,
  - Currently Underway,
  - Postponed, or
  - Not Accomplished.

An objective was classified as *Completed* if the objective was straightforward and measurable (e.g. "Facilitate the expansion and/or retention of at least one industry per year"). Less straightforward objectives were classified as *Completed* if the strategies identified have been implemented (e.g. "Improve neighborhood safety and security").

An objective was classified as *Currently Underway* if it is in the process of being completed (e.g. "Adopt new zoning consistent with recommendations for Downtown Expansion Area").

An example of an objective classified as *Postponed* is "Encourage efficient transportation layouts in new developments." This will require a revision the Subdivision Ordinance which will not be considered until the Unified Zoning Ordinance has been completed.

An example of a *Not Accomplished* objective is "Streamline development review procedures while implementing a procedure to ensure that all required approvals are received prior to activities commencing." On its face, this objective seems logical but in practice, it is not practical or entirely desirable (e.g. holding up a land disturbance permit until a permit for the building facade is approved may create delay without a corresponding improvement in quality).

2. The attached Report of Accomplishments outlines 112 objectives to be accomplished. Twenty-one objectives (19%) have been accomplished; seventy-nine objectives are underway (70%); three have been postponed (3%); and nine have not been accomplished (8%).
3. The new Short Term Work Program for 2011 to 2016 includes all objectives which are designated as *Currently Underway* and *Postponed*. It does not include objectives which are designated as *Completed* and *Not Accomplished*.

4. In March through April 2011, the community evaluated the Strategic Plan which is the basis of the Short Term Work Program and suggested revisions to the Strategic Plan that will affect the Short Term Work Program for the next five years. At its meeting on October 11, 2011, the Planning Commission requested additional time to review the revisions. The attached Short Term Work Program includes only objectives that were approved in 2006 and is being submitted at this time to meet the October deadline. A revised Strategic Plan and Short Term Work Program may be submitted after review by the Planning Commission.
5. The Coastal Regional Commission requires that the attached *Resolution* be submitted with the Report of Accomplishments and new Short Term Work Program.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Forward the executed *Resolution*, the *Report of Accomplishments (2006-2011)*, and the *Short Term Work Program (2011-2016)* to the Coastal Regional Commission.
2. Take no action.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

It is the policy of the Chatham County Commission to fulfill the requirements of State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs *Rules and Regulations*.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The MPC and Director of Building Safety and Regulatory Services recommend that the County Commission forward the *Resolution*, the *Report of Accomplishments (2006-2011)*, and the *Short Term Work Program (2011-2016)* to the Coastal Regional Commission.

PREPARED BY: Dennis Hutton, Director  
Comprehensive Planning

October 11, 2011

Gregori Anderson, Director  
BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES



**CHATHAM COUNTY - SAVANNAH  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

*"Planning the Future - Respecting the Past"*

----- MEMORANDUM -----

**DATE:** OCTOBER 11, 2011  
**TO:** CHATHAM COUNTY COMMISSION  
**FROM:** METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION  
**SUBJECT:** MPC RECOMMENDATION

**PETITION REFERENCED:**

Resolution to transmit the Short Term Work Program Report of Accomplishments (2006-2011) and the Short Term Work Program (2011-2016) to the Coastal Regional Commission.  
MPC File No. F-110921-49392-1

**MPC ACTION:**

**Approval** of a Resolution to transmit the Short Term Work Program Report of Accomplishments (2006-2011) and the Short Term Work Program (2011-2016) to the Coastal Regional Commission.

**MPC STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

**Approval** of a Resolution to transmit the Short Term Work Program Report of Accomplishments (2006-2011) and the Short Term Work Program (2011-2016) to the Coastal Regional Commission.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** 12+ Chairman

Adam Ragsdale, Chairman  
Ellis Cook, Secretary  
Russ Abolt  
Shedrick Coleman  
Stephen Lufburrow  
Lacy Manigault

Jon Pannell Vice-Chairman  
Tonya Milton, Treasurer  
Rochelle Small Toney  
Ben Farmer  
Timothy Mackey  
Susan Myers

**VOTING FOR MOTION**

**VOTING AGAINST MOTION**

**\*ABSENT OR \*\* FAILING TO VOTE**

Adam Ragsdale  
Shedrick Coleman  
Jon Pannell  
Lacy Manigault  
Russ Abolt  
Rochelle Small-Toney  
Ellis Cook  
Ben Farmer  
Stephen Lufburrow  
Murray Marshall  
Tonya Milton  
Susan Myers

Timothy Mackey

\*Joseph Welch

**FOR APPROVAL:** 12

**FOR DENIAL:** 1

**ABSTAINING:** 0

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Thomson  
Executive Director

/cbm  
Enclosure

**RESOLUTION OF SUBMITTAL  
BY THE CHATHAM COUNTY COMMISSION**

**Whereas**, the Comprehensive Plan for Chatham County and the City of Savannah, Georgia, was adopted in November 2006; and

**Whereas**, the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning established by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 require that Chatham County and the City of Savannah submit the Short Term Work Program Report of Accomplishments at either one-year or five-year intervals; and

**Whereas**, Chatham County and the City of Savannah, Georgia, have elected to submit the Short Term Work Program Report of Accomplishments at a five-year interval; and

**Whereas**, a new Short Term Work Program for the next five-year interval must be submitted along with the Report of Accomplishments; and

**Whereas**, a public hearing was held on October 11, 2011.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the Chatham County Commission does hereby authorize the County Manager to transmit the Short Term Work Program Report of Accomplishments and the new Short Term Work Program (2011-2016) to the Coastal Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for review, required by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989.

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

CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pete Liakakis, Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Janice E. Bocook, Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

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

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
A. Eight (8) tasers and accessories	CNT	DGG Taser and Tactical Supply (Sole Source)	\$16,340	Confiscated Funds - CNT
B. One (1) animal transport trailer and one (1) operations equipment trailer	SCMPD	Freedom Trailers, LLC	\$13,740	Confiscated Funds - SCMPD/Animal Control Unit
C. Change Order No. 4 (Summary) to the construction contract for the Gateway/Henderson Drainage project for final quantities of delivered material	Engineering	Pine Valley Concrete Company	\$745	SPLOST (1998-2008) - Gateway/Henderson Drainage project
D. Waste handler bulldozer	Fleet Operations	Yancey Brothers	\$343,390	*Solid Waste - Restricted \$209,973 *Solid Waste - \$133,417
E. Confirmation of the emergency overhaul of a helicopter main rotor head	Mosquito Control	Heli-Mart	\$52,900	General Fund/M & O - Mosquito Control
F. Lease agreement to provide parking lots lighting	Public Works and Park Services	Georgia Power	\$86,132	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Public Works and Park Services Facility
G. Annual contract with automatic renewal option for four (4) additional one year terms for Professional Emergency Management Support	CEMA	*Hagerty Consulting, Washington, DC *Adjusters International, Utica, NY *Witt Associates, Washington, DC	N/A	Grant Funds or Federal Reimbursement as required
H. Extend lease agreement for six (6) months for 408 W. Broughton Street	Special Projects	410 West Broughton Street, LLC	\$29,094	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Courthouse Project
I. One (1) year contract extension for Right of Way Acquisition	Engineering	Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc.	\$5,000 per parcel	SPLOST (1985-1993), (1993-1993), (1998-2003), (2003-2008), (2008-2014) - Various Road, Drainage and Capital Projects
J. Amendment No. 10 to the contract for the Whitefield Avenue/Diamond Causeway design	Engineering	Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co., (T&))	\$39,400	SPLOST (1993-1998) - Whitefield Avenue

**AGENDA ITEM: X-6**  
**AGENDA DATE: October 21, 2011**

**TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**THRU: R.E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER**

**FROM: MICHAEL A. KAIGLER, ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER/  
DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND SERVICES**

**SUBJECT: AWARD OF BIDS**

**ITEM A**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of the \$16,340 sole source purchase of eight (8) tasers and accessories from DGG Taser and Tactical Supply, Jacksonville, FL, for C.N.T.

**BACKGROUND:** The Board, at their 9 September 2011 meeting, approved the use of Confiscated Funds for the purchase of law enforcement equipment.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. As part of the funding, C.N.T. will purchase eight (8) tasers with accessories.

- 2. This purchase is a sole source procurement as the authorized taser distributor for the State of Georgia is DGG Taser, Inc. in Jacksonville, FL.
- 3. Staff believes the total quoted price of \$16,340 to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** Confiscated Funds - C.N.T.  
(2103222 - 54.25001)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1. Board approval of the \$16,340 sole source purchase of eight (8) tasers and accessories from DGG Taser and Tactical Supply, Jacksonville FL, for C.N.T.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary equipment for law enforcement activities.

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
GLORIA SAUGH

**ITEM B**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of the \$13,740 purchase of two (2) trailers from Freedom Trailers, LLC for Animal Control.

**BACKGROUND:** The Board, at their 23 September 2011 meeting, approved the use of Confiscated Funds for the purchase of law enforcement equipment.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

- 1. Should there be a need to evacuate, due to a hurricane or any other natural disaster, the purchase of these trailers is vitally important so as many animals as possible can be transported to a safe location.
- 2. The purchase of the animal transport trailer will accommodate dogs only and the current truck compartment vehicles in use will transport the cats.
- 3. The operational equipment trailer will have the needed supplies readily accessible so mobilization of the animals and supplies will not cause any delays in the evacuation.
- 4. Staff obtained pricing from the following vendors:
 

Freedom Trailers, LLC Willacoochee, GA	\$13,740
Dorsey Trailers Savannah, GA	\$15,304
Xtra Tuff Eastman, GA	\$17,899
- 5. Staff believes the total cost of \$13,740 for the purchase of the two (2) trailers to be fair and reasonable.

**FUNDING:** Confiscated Funds - SCMPD/Animal Control Unit  
(2103200 - 54.25001)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1. Board approval of the \$13,740 purchase of two (2) trailers from Freedom Trailers, LLC for Animal Control.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary equipment for law enforcement activities.

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
GLORIA SAUGH

**ITEM C**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of Change Order No. 4 (Summary), in the amount of \$745, to the construction contract with Pine Valley Concrete Company.

**BACKGROUND:** The Gateway/Henderson Drainage project is a part of the Chatham County Drainage Improvement Program. Problems being addressed include the limited drainage capacity of the existing canal and several road crossings over the canal.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Construction of a culvert on the Little Neck Canal at Little Neck Road was completed in January 2010. The Henderson Canal Improvement project replaces the culverts at Henderson Oaks Drive and the golf cart culvert near the Henderson Golf Community swimming pool.
2. The contract for construction was awarded as a unit price contract and notice to proceed with construction was issued on 16 August 2010. Work on the project was completed in April 2011.
3. The change order adjusts the final contract amount to reflect the actual measured quantities of materials incorporated into the work. The cost is based on unit price costs included in the original contract.

4. Contract History:

Original Contract (5-28-10)	\$278,317
Change Order No. 1 (Utility Relocations, 09-17-10)	\$ 22,700
Change Order No. 2 (Canal bottom excavation, 12-17-10)	\$ 35,195
Change Order No. 3 (Zipperer Drive Drainage 03-11-11)	\$ 39,227
Change Order No. 4 (Pending)	\$ 745
Revised Contract Amount	<u>\$376,184</u>

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (1998 - 2003) - Drainage, Gateway/Henderson Project  
(3224250 - 54.14021 - 32280357)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of Change Order No. 4 (Summary) in the amount of \$745 to the construction contract with Pine Valley Concrete Company.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
ESTELLE BROWN

**ITEM D**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of \$343,390 purchase of a Waste Handler Bulldozer for Solid Waste from Yancey Brothers of Pooler, Georgia.

**BACKGROUND:** The bulldozer is a replacement unit for one (1) that is out of service due to major mechanical issues.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Bids were publically advertised and opened on 25 August 2011. The bid responses are as follows:
 

Flint Equipment Company Savannah, GA	John Deere 850K	\$278,986
Tractor & Equipment Company Pooler, GA	Komatsu D65 EX-17WH	\$286,000
Yancey Brothers Inc. Pooler, GA	Caterpillar D6T WH	\$343,390
2. The reason for not recommending the low bidders is that Flint Equipment Company and Tractor & Equipment Company do not meet specifications which are important for continuous use in a landfill application. The specifications that the low bidders do not meet include undercarriage height requirements, alternator size, ground speed and visibility.

In addition to these shortcomings, the John Deere Model 850K is a new production machine with no proven track record for a landfill environment. The Komatsu Model D65EX also does not have a

proven track record for a landfill environment. The lower bidders' references do not reflect that either machine is being used in this type of environment on a daily basis.

3. This is a replacement for an aging Bulldozer that is out of service due to mechanical issues. The Caterpillar D6T from Yancey Brothers meets all of the specifications and has received positive references from major companies in the industry.

**FUNDING:** •Solid Waste Restricted - \$209,973  
 (5404510 - 54.25001)  
 •Solid Waste - \$133,417  
 (5404502-54.25001)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Request Board approval of \$343,390 purchase of a Waste Handler Bulldozer for Solid Waste from Yancey Brothers of Pooler, Georgia.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to purchasing the necessary equipment for the using department.

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

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

**ITEM E**

**ISSUE:** Request Board confirmation of the \$52,900 emergency overhaul of a helicopter main rotor head from Heli-Mart, Inc. for Mosquito Control.

**BACKGROUND:** Staff discovered cracks in the main rotor head of a helicopter purchased in 2004 during a mandated inspection. The aircraft was immediately grounded.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Chatham County owns MD 500 Series helicopters. Inspections of the main rotor head of these helicopters are mandated by a FAA Airworthiness Directive and a manufacturer's Service Bulletin.
2. During a recent inspection, staff found cracks in the main rotor head of the helicopter purchased in 2004. The main rotor head of this helicopter was overhauled in 2005.
3. The component had to be sent to an authorized service center for a thorough evaluation.
4. Repairs of this component can only be completed by an authorized service center. Anticipating the need for a complete overhaul, quotes were obtained from three (3) service centers. The following quotes were received:

Vendor	Price
Heli-Mart Inc.	\$52,900
Heli-Tech, Inc.	\$58,282
Helicopter Minit-Men, Inc.	\$58,400

5. Staff requested emergency approval from the Chairman to overhaul the main rotor head in order to put the aircraft back in service as soon as possible. He concurred (see attached page 13) and directed staff to seek Board confirmation at their next scheduled meeting.

**FUNDING:** General Fund/M & O - Mosquito Control  
 (I005144 - 52.22001)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Confirm the emergency overhaul of the helicopter main rotor head by Heli-Mart for \$52,900 for Mosquito Control.
2. Provide staff with other direction

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board Policy to approve emergency expenditures to ensure no interruption in a department's daily operations.

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ITEM F**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of a Lighting Services Lease Agreement with Georgia Power to provide lighting of the parking lots serving the new Public Works and Park Services Facility. The initial installation fee under this agreement is \$86,132.

**BACKGROUND:** Construction has begun for the new Public Works and Park Services Facility. The project includes two parking lots; 1- Memorial Stadium west lot for public use and, 2- parking for Public Works and Park Services equipment and vehicles. Both lots require a lighting plan. Georgia Power has submitted a lighting plan for both lots.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The lighting plan has been reviewed and approved by staff. The lights in the Memorial Stadium parking lot will be TALON LED fixtures. The lighting plan for the equipment yard is traditional flood lights for security. The LED lights utilize 24 poles with 156 watt LED TALON fixtures. LED provides a uniform energy efficient light without the obtrusive glare. This design has been used at the new Godley School. The lighting plan for the equipment yard consists of a standard 1000 watt metal halide flood light mounted on 10 poles.
2. Georgia Power has submitted a Lighting Services Lease Agreement for each lot. There is an initial charge for the materials and a monthly service fee for energy costs and maintenance cost for the life of the system. The initial fee for the Memorial Stadium lot is \$79,300 and the fee for the equipment lot is \$6832.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (2003-2008) – Public Works & Park Services Facility  
(3234980 - 53.12901 - 32360436)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of a Lighting Services Lease Agreement with Georgia Power to provide lighting of the parking lots serving the new Public Works and Park Services Facility. The initial installation fee under this agreement is \$86,132.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve lease agreements with utility companies necessary for the completion of construction projects.

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

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

**ITEM G**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of annual contracts, with automatic renewals for four (4) additional one year terms, to Hagerty Consulting, Adjusters International and Witt Associates to provide services associated with Professional Emergency Management Support contract on an “as needed basis” for Chatham County Emergency Management Agency (CEMA).

**BACKGROUND:** CEMA requires additional support in providing personnel, technical support, and consultant/project management resources to perform disaster related activities and adequately support the emergency management program throughout Chatham County.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. A Best Value Solicitation (BVS) for Emergency Management Program Augmentation was issued and publicly advertised. Proposals were received on September 8, 2011.
2. Six (6) firms responded to the BVS. The proposals were scored by an evaluation committee. Three of the firms were found to be unqualified and not selected for further consideration. Please refer to the matrix on page 14. For scoring details of the technical proposals submitted by each firm. Proposal results are as follows:

Hagerty Consulting Washington, DC	85.89 Points
Adjusters International Utica, NY	75.46 Points
Witt Associates Washington, DC	75.29 Points

3. The BVS stated that CEMA required a range of emergency services on an as-needed basis for pre and post-disaster emergency management augmentation services. In accordance with the methodology, staff recommends awarding contracts to the three (3) firms: Hagerty Consulting, DC, Adjusters International, NY and Witt Associates.

**FUNDING:** Grant Funds or Federal Reimbursement as required.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approval of annual contracts, with automatic renewals for four (4) additional one year terms, to Hagerty Consulting, Adjusters International and Witt Associates to provide services associated with Professional Emergency Management Support contract on an “as needed basis” for Chatham County Emergency Management Agency (CEMA).
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to provide pre and post disaster services as deemed to be in the in best interest of the County.

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
GLORIA SAUGH

**ITEM H**

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

**BACKGROUND:** As part of the Courthouse renovation, certain offices needed to be relocated on a temporary basis. Because no space remains available in the Courthouse, the Board approved leasing office space at 408 West Broughton Street, across from the Annex (Parking Garage). This extension becomes necessary until completion of the Oglethorpe Government Building.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. The building at 408 West Broughton Street, owned by 410 West Broughton Street LLC provides space to house the District Court Administrator, some Sheriff’s Office operations and some Board of Assessors’ staffing. More importantly, during the sequence of construction, it has served as convenient interim space as needs arise.
2. The property leases for \$4,849 a month, or \$29,094 for six months (base price plus pro-rated taxes and insurance). Its convenient location makes the property ideal, and its lease rate remains competitive for commercial rental property in the Landmark Historic District.
3. The lease will be through March 2012.

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board authorize execution of a lease agreement with 410 West Broughton Street LLC for six months for \$29,094.
2. Board direct staff to consider other locations not within proximity of the Courthouse as a way to lower potential rental payments.
3. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

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

**ITEM I**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval for a one year extension, at the current cost of \$5,000 per parcel, to the current contract with Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc. for Right of Way Acquisition.

**BACKGROUND:** A right of way consultant is necessary to acquire parcels of property needed to construct road and drainage projects. The current contract with Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc. expires October 31, 2011. The current contract extension was approved by the Board on October 19, 2007.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Due to their many years of professional service and their large amount of experience as the right of way consultant for the County, staff believes that it is in the best interest of the County to continue the contractual agreement with Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc.
2. The current contract provides that the single fixed rate of \$5,000 per parcel can be adjusted with the increase not to exceed the Consumer Price Index (CPI) published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Moreland Altobelli requested no price increases to the contract since 2008.
3. Moreland Altobelli is currently involved in the acquisitions on many projects for the County. A continuation of this relationship will ensure a smooth completion to the projects currently underway. Moreland Altobelli is the only local consultant prequalified in the areas of acquisition procedures by the Georgia Department of Transportation.

**FUNDING:** SPLOST (1985-1993),(1993-1998),(1998-2003),(2003-2008),(2008-2014)  
Various Road, Drainage and Capital Projects

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approve a one year extension, at the current cost of \$5,000 per parcel, to the current contract with Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc. for Right of Way Acquisition.
2. Provide staff other direction.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:** It is consistent with Board policy to approve extensions to annual contracts.

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
ESTELLE BROWN

**ITEM J**

**ISSUE:** Request Board approval of Contract Amendment No. 10 in the amount of \$39,400 to the Whitefield Avenue/Diamond Causeway design contract with Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co. (T&H).

**BACKGROUND:** On August 4, 1998, the Board awarded a design contract to T&H for the widening of Whitefield Avenue and Diamond Causeway. The Environmental Assessment (EA) for Whitefield Avenue was approved by the Federal Highway Administration on February 13, 2004. Certification of right of way occurred July 23, 2010. The project was awarded to R.B. Baker Infrastructure by the Georgia Department of Transportation on September 2, 2011. A preconstruction conference was held on October 13, 2010.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

1. Once construction begins on the Whitefield Avenue Widening Project various construction related design functions will be needed. These activities include, but are not limited to, the review of shop drawings submitted by the contractor and design revisions due to unforeseen conditions.
2. Chatham County is the sponsor of this project and responsible for the construction services. Construction costs for all aspects of the project will be funded by Federal funds (L230) designated in the Coastal Region Transportation Improvement Program.
3. Contract History:

Original Contract (8/14/98)	\$ 1,252,511
Contract Amendment #1 (1/14/00) US 80/Debbie Street, Intersection Design	45,453
Contract Amendment #2 (2/9/01) Additional Evaluation Related to Wormsloe Impacts	56,283
Contract Amendment #3 (11/16/01) Update traffic projections	10,500
Contract Amendment #4 (9/26/03) Added design of landscape	25,000
Contract Amendment #5 (4/16/04) Update GDOT design requirements - Whitefield	210,266

Contract Amendment #6 (8/12/05) Break out widening and signalization Skidaway Island	34,900
Contract Amendment #7 (11/18/05) Median widening for canopy trees	141,370
Contract Amendment #8 (12/7/07) Change design speed, add bike lanes, Type B medians	72,125
Contract Amendment #9 (5/14/10) Utility Relocation Plans	86,500
Contract Amendment #10 (pending)	<u>39,400</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$1,974,308

**FUNDING:** 1993-1998 SPLOST, Whitefield Avenue  
(3214210, 32150823, 52.12003)

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board approve Contract Amendment No. 10 in the amount of \$39,400 to the Whitefield Avenue/ Diamond Causeway design contract with Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co. (T&H).
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

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

BUDGET APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
ESTELLE BROWN

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

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**XI. FIRST READINGS**

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

1. **AMENDMENT TO SECTIONS 16-2, SECTION 16-6.6 AND SECTION 16-7 OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE AIRCRAFT HAZARD LIGHTING AND REFLECTIVE TAPE WRAPPING ON WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES (WTFS) BETWEEN 100 AND 199 FEET IN HEIGHT. MPC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. MPC FILE NO. 110505-51754-1.**

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. We have one First Reading. Amendment to Section 16-12 [sic], Section 16-6.6 and Section 16-7 of the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance to require aircraft hazard lighting and reflective tape wrapping on wireless tele – telecommunication facilities between 100 and 199 feet in height. MPC recommends approval. There is no action on that since it's a First Reading. It'll be on the Second Readings at the next meeting.

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**XII. SECOND READINGS**

None.

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**XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

Chairman Liakakis said, you all have been distributed information items with there are no action on it today.

**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: October 21, 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>
Replace panel board and software on fire alarm system	Detention Center	Brewer Technology Solutions, Inc.	\$2,758	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Replacement of one (1) utility vehicle at Stell Park	Public Works and Park Services	Hendrix Machinery Inc.	\$7,675	Deductible Account
Purchase and installation of one (1) new roll up door at sign shop on Eisenhower Drive	Public Works and Park Services	Overhead Door Company of Savannah	\$8,350	SSD - Public Works
Three (3) Dell server extended warranties	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$4,379	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff's Dept. General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Replace two (2) roof top air conditioning package units	Detention Center	Boaen Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	\$9,596	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Soccer officials August 20 thru September 18	Public Works and Park Services	Greater Savannah Soccer Association, Inc.	\$2,640	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation
One (1) HP color laser jet printer for Sheriff's Department	I.C.S.	GHA Technologies, Inc.	\$5,029	S.O.R.T. Grant
Install 78 square yards of concrete sidewalk at Memorial Stadium	Facilities Maintenance	Land-Co Landscaping, LLC.	\$3,000	General Fund/M&O - ADA Compliance
Three (3) 72" computer tables and six (6) chairs	Detention Center	Versatables.Com (Sole Source)	\$2,844	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
200 cases of vinyl gloves	Detention Center	Paper Chemical Supply Company (WBE)	\$7,560	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
250 signs and 125 two-sided sign stands	Elections Board	Printelect	\$9,872	General Fund/M&O - Elections Board
Sidewalk and landscaping at Animal Control Facility	Special Projects	Savannah Hardscapes	\$8,098	CIP - Animal Control
Three (3) upgrades of Arcview software for Engineering	I.C.S	ESRI	\$6,000	SSD - Engineering

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
One (1) Dell XPS 9100 Computer for Engineering conference room	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$4,408	CIP - Engineering
Seven (7) cases of Vectorex WSP mosquito control chemical	Mosquito Control	Clarke Mosquito Control, Corp.	\$4,144	General Fund/M&O - Mosquito Control

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

A status report was attached as information.

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**3. ROADS AND DRAINAGE REPORTS.****ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

A status report was attached as information.

**AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 ROADS**  
**AGENDA DATE: October 21, 2011**

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

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

**FACTS AND FINDING:**

1. Truman Parkway, Phase 5. Construction underway by GDOT contract. Estimated completion December 2013.
2. Diamond Causeway. The GDOT is managing a contract to construct a high level bridge over Skidaway Narrows to replace the bascule bridge. Estimated completion of September 2013.
3. Whitefield Avenue. The GDOT awarded the project on September 2, 2011 to R. B. Baker Infrastructure for \$9,371,208. Preconstruction meeting was held October 13, 2011. Clearing scheduled to begin the first week of December 2011. Contractor will evaluate the use of the Bethesda Borrow Pit per the County's concerns for traffic. Estimated completion September 2013.
4. Bay Street Widening from I-516 to Bay Street Viaduct. ROW plans were approved by GDOT. Acquisitions were put on hold pending another assessment of alternatives on impacts to historic properties. A Public Information Open House was held on April 28, 2011. The Assessment of Effects was coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), approved by the GDOT and forwarded to SHPO for formal concurrence.
5. Local Roads.
  - a. Intersection improvements at King George Blvd and Grove Point Road. Under construction. Scheduled completion November 2011.
  - b. Faye Road and Hunt Road Bridges. Designs to construct replacement bridges are complete. ROW acquisition is complete. Permits from GA DNR, USACE and Coast Guard are pending. Intend to solicit bids for construction contracts in November 2011.
  - c. Wright Avenue. Design complete. ROW acquisition underway.
  - d. Elmhurst Road. Beechwood Road and Ridgewood Road. Designs are complete. ROW acquisition underway.

**RECOMMENDATION:** For information.

Districts All

**AGENDA ITEM: XIII-3 DRAINAGE**  
**AGENDA DATE: October 21, 2011**

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

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

**FACTS AND FINDING:**

1. Pipemakers Canal. The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization, sluice gates and culverts. Construction of the sluice gate structure and channel improvements from SR 21 to the Savannah River (Phase 1) was completed in 2005. Construction of Phase 2A, which includes improvements from Phase 1 to Dean Forest Road is underway. A project to identify and obtain canal rights of way in the reach west of I-95 is underway.
2. Pipemakers Pump Station. The project was identified in the 2003-2008 SPLOST as a part of capital improvements to the Pipemakers Canal Drainage Basin. The project is underway. Current work is focused on collection of data including past reports, maps and studies as well as meeting with technical staff of affected municipalities.
3. Hardin Canal. The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization, bridges and culverts. Projects that replaced culverts at SR 307 (Dean Forest Road) and within the Southbridge golf course area are complete. Staff is pursuing resolution of permitting issues with the US Army Corps of Engineers for drainage improvements beyond the immediate limits of the recently completed culvert project at Dean Forest Road.
4. Queensbury Drainage Improvements. The project area is south of Montgomery Cross Road and west of Ferguson Avenue (includes Tara Manor, Ennis Mobile Home Park-Elmhurst Court, and the Forest City Gun Club.) A project at Elmhurst Court that replaced an undersized pipe is complete. Design work is underway to improve the conveyance system upstream of the replaced pipe. A construction project to improve drainage at the Forest City Gun Club was approved by the Board in June 2011. Construction is substantially complete. A project to improve drainage and provide maintenance access in the area of Remington Drive is underway.
5. Wilmington Park Canal. The Wilmington Park Canal extends from North Cromwell Road to the Wilmington River (about 1.4 miles). The project includes canal widening, bank stabilization and culverts. Design work is underway on the design of five undersized culverts along the canal. A project to improve drainage coming from the southern portion of Ashley Road is underway. The existing outfall from this area is not accessible due to a lack of drainage easement.
6. Golden Isles. The project will relieve neighborhood drainage issues, including structural flooding of homes, with the construction of an upgraded storm sewer system. A contract for construction was approved by the Board on July 2, 2011. Construction work is expected to commence in November 2011, delayed due to gas main relocation work underway by Atlanta Gas Light.
7. Louis Mills/Redgate Canal. The Louis Mills and Redgate Canals are tributaries to the South Springfield Canal. Improvements are complete between Garrard Avenue and the CSX Railroad. Staff is currently working to extend the improvements to a point north of Marshall Avenue. A project to improve flow from the Gamble Road area north of Veterans Parkway is substantially complete.
8. Ogeechee Farms Area. The Ogeechee Farms project includes improvements to canals and culverts. Phase 1 was completed in July 2005 (piped in about 0.2 miles of channel south of Vidalia Road and replaced a road crossing at Waynesboro Road). Phase II was completed in June 2010 (replaced five undersized culverts south of and under Vidalia Road). Final design plans and permitting of improvements to replace undersized culverts at Yemassee Road and Ridgeland Road are complete. Bid opening will be held November 10, 2011.
9. Quacco Canal. The Quacco Canal extends from the little Ogeechee River to the Regency Mobile Home Park (about 4 miles). The project included canal widening, bank stabilization, culverts, and providing access for maintenance. Construction of drainage improvements serving the Willow Lakes area and Regency Mobile Home Park area was completed in April 2011. Construction to improve drainage in the area of the Laurel Oaks Subdivision was completed in July 2011.
10. Laberta-Cresthill Area. The project will relieve flooding within the Cresthill Subdivision. An engineering firm evaluated the storm water drainage system and the outfall to Hayner's Creek. The Board

approved a construction contract on April 29, 2011. Construction commenced in August 2011. The project will require a temporary road closure of Whitefield Avenue south of Montgomery Cross Road. The roadway is expected to be closed for approximately four to eight weeks.

11. Norwood Drainage Outfalls. The project will improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance. The Board approved a construction contract on March 25, 2011 to improve drainage capacity and access for maintenance at Norwood Place. Construction is substantially complete. Design work and permitting is also underway for the outfall at Skidaway Road.

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

13. Shipyard-Beaulieu Area. The project will be accomplished in phases. The first phase to replace the storm drain pipe at Beaulieu Avenue was completed in January 2010. The second phase will replace three undersized storm drain pipes and reshape the existing ditch. Final design plans and permitting are underway.

14. Grange Road Canal. The project to relieve flooding extends from Pipemakers Canal to north of Grange Road (about 1.8 miles). The Grange Road Canal outfall to the Pipemakers Canal was improved in 2004 under work being performed to improve the Pipemakers Canal. An all weather access road for the Grange Road Canal between Bourne Avenue and the Pipemakers Canal was also constructed at that time. In 2010 the Georgia Ports Authority (GPA) presented a plan to the County involving expansion of GPA facilities in Garden City and the construction of certain drainage systems affecting the Grange Road Canal. An intergovernmental agreement allowing these changes to the Grange Road Canal is pending approval.

15. Skidaway Road. The project improved roadside drainage and address vehicle safety issues along a portion of Skidaway Road near Wormsloe. Construction is complete. A summary Change Order is pending Board approval. Staff is working with representatives of the Wormsloe Historic Site on the installation of appropriate fencing and landscaping materials as called for by the intergovernmental agreement between the County and the State of Georgia.

16. LaRoche Culvert. The project includes the replacement of a drainage culvert located under LaRoche Avenue north of Lansing Avenue. The culvert replacement is in response to a deteriorating brick arch culvert with several cracks. Final design work and permitting are complete. The bid package is to be released in November 2011.

17. Lehigh-Shipyard Lane Area. The project will relieve roadside drainage issues causing nuisance flooding in the Lehigh Avenue and Shipyard Lane area. Final design plans and required permitting are expected to be complete by December 2011.

18. Wahlstrom Road. The project will address drainage and maintenance access along the portion of Wahlstrom Road north of the railroad tracks. The drainage infrastructure in the area received infrequent maintenance in the past due to extensive industrial activities in the area and lack of access. Current work consists of property and jurisdictional wetland delineations to be used to develop preliminary design alternatives and discussion with affected property owners.

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

20. Cottonvale Road Drainage. The project will relieve drainage and maintenance access issues causing nuisance flooding in the Cottonvale Road area. Preliminary design plans are underway.

21. Whippoorwill Road Drainage. The project will relocate and improve a canal tidegate structure to a location that can be accessed for maintenance. The existing structure is undersized and as a result was damaged by previous storm events. It cannot be accessed for repair or maintenance because it is located on private property. Design is underway.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.  
Districts: All

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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Liakakis said, need a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Stone said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Commissioner Farrell said, no executive session today?

Chairman Liakakis said, and there is no executive session today for any items, but we will retire now into the Green Room.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, Commissioner Stone moved to adjourn. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioners Holmes and Shay did not vote. Commissioner Odell was not present for the vote].

The meeting adjourned at 10:39 am.

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

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

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JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION