

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2012, IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 124 BULL STREET, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pete Liakakis called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. on Friday, March 9, 2012.

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Liakakis said, I call on Commissioner Dean Kicklighter this morning for the Invocation.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to call Father Pat up and ask him to do this, please.

Father Patrick O'Brien said, Commissioner Dean [Kicklighter], I'd be surprised if you could give one, but – knowing your background, you know, I'd be a little shocked, but –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, now I'm glad I never confessed to you.

Father O'Brien said, – would you like to come over here?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I'll find a shy priest to confess to.

Father O'Brien said, would you like to come over here near me?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, no.

Commissioner Farrell said, you got to watch out for the retired ones. They don't hold anything back.

Father O'Brien prayed as follows:

Loving and most gracious God, we thank you this morning the opportunity of being here. We thank you in a very special way for our Chairman, our County Commissioners, our Manager, and all who work so diligently day after day for our County. We ask you to always watch over them and help them to realize that what they do and the decisions that they make are not easy but they are made for the betterment of your people. We ask you to bless our Grand Marshal, his aides, his chaplain, our Chairman, the St. Patrick's Day Parade, executive committee, the adjutant staff, and all of the parade members. Give us a safe, happy and enjoyable and wonderful day in the great City of Savannah and the wonderful County of Chatham. We may be the second largest parade, but certainly we have the best. We bring joy, happiness, and pleasure to so many people. Help us always to realize – to watch over our young people because they are our future. Keep each one of us under your constant care and loving protection. We make our prayer this day. In the Father's name. Amen.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Father O'Brien said, thank you, sir.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

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IV. ROLL CALL

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

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Pete Liakakis, Chairman
 Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman, District Eight
 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

Absent: Helen L. Stone, Chairman Pro Tem, District One

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

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Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we – that we excuse Commissioner Stone while she's in Washington, D.C., on County business there.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay made a motion to excuse Commissioner Stone while she's in Washington, D.C. on County business. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. Today's a special day, and we're glad to have all of you in the audience, and especially those organizations that are representing the Irish community today. And first on the agenda our St. Patrick's Day celebration, and we'd like for them to come forth now.

[NOTE: Bagpipes played as the St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal and his staff entered the room].

Chairman Liakakis said, I'm honored and happy today to have this proclamation for an individual who has done so much in our community, who has worked in many civic situations that we've had and charitable things, and is a real outstanding member of the Irish community. And we can see his family members here and the executive committee, and the officers of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. And I'm glad that I've been a member some 36 years of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. Now I'm gonna do this proclamation and then we'll have a few other words.

Chairman Liakakis reads the proclamation as follows:



WHEREAS, one of the highest honors to be bestowed upon an Irish Catholic in Chatham County is to be elected Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade; today we salute with great pride the 2012 Grand Marshal, Timothy Ansley; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County is privileged to have among its citizenry many fine sons and daughters of Ireland that have made many notable contributions to Chatham County. Their illustrious ancestry have given

to Chatham County their labor, their love, and their dedication; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Ansley grew up in the Grove Park area of southside Savannah, and attended Sacred Heart Church in the late 1940s and early 1950s, and later became a member of the St. James Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, his family's Irish heritage is largely rooted in County Mayo, Ireland. His ancestors settled in Philadelphia, and his great, great grandmother, Mary Elizabeth Walsh, was the composer of "Black Hawk Waltz"; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Ansley has been a member of the parade committee for 41 years, and served five consecutive terms as adjutant — organizer of the parade — from 1988-1992.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pete Liakakis, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim Friday, March 9, 2012 as:

GRAND MARSHAL TIMOTHY ANSLEY DAY

in Chatham County and salute him for having this prestigious title bestowed upon him and feel assured that Irish eyes will be smiling as he leads the 188th St. Patrick's Day Parade.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 9th day of March 2012.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Gail F. Gordon, Administrative
Assistant to the Chairman

Chairman Liakakis said, Tim [Ansley], would you come up –

Mr. Timothy Ansley said, yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, – so I can present this to you?

Mr. Ansley said, thank you so much, Pete [Liakakis].

Chairman Liakakis said, well, we really appreciate you because many of us know your history and the things that you have done in the community, and the reason why the – all of the members of the parade, you know, know and love you for the things that you have done and today I give this proclamation to you, and we want all the citizens to be there for the parade. Now I've heard some of the estimates of what's going to happen, that we could have as many as 600,000 people watching the parade or even more this year, especially since it comes on Saturday. And one of the things that happened a few years ago, I remember one of the under secretaries, like an Ambassador from Ireland, since he found out that we have the Irish festival starting it off every year, that the Friendly Sons of Ireland have an affair, that the Hibernian Society is involved in a lot of things in the community, the dances and other festivals are there, and what the – what the Ambassador told me, he says, you know what, you celebrate St. Patrick more than we do in Ireland.

Mr. Ansley said, I heard that. I've heard that.

Chairman Liakakis said, that was really something. So for this I present you that. But I have something else too. For special individuals in our community we have a gold medal that we present to those people who have been outstanding and done many things in the community, and you go beyond doing the things in the Irish area, but all of the other wonderful things, Tim [Ansley], that you have done. And now I present you with that special medal from Chatham County and thank you very much.

Mr. Ansley said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, and we would like for you to have some words.

Mr. Ansley said, well it's told that you don't want to get me in front of a microphone because I just carry on. But first of all I would like to say that I've got a confession that I am not an Irishman. I am an American from Irish descent, and I am proud to be an American. But on this St. Patrick's Day, I am honored to be the representative for the St. Patrick's Day parade as their leader. It gives me great joy for myself, my family, my aides, and everyone that has influenced my life. And I certainly appreciate this opportunity to be here before you. Thank you.

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, we got Mike Foran here who is the Chairman and has done an outstanding job, put a lot of good things in there with his officers and executive committee. And Mike [Foran], we'd like for you to come up to the mike and say some words.

Mr. Mike Foran said, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, thank you very much. I want to thank my entire executive committee, which we're missing a few because the rest of them are working from being here today, and also Pete

Liakakis who's served on our board for many, many years, been on – been on the adjutant staff and the parade committee. And I want to thank the Chatham County Metro for allowing us to have the Police Emerald Society, the official escort of the grand marshal to be here, and also Don Sullens with the Savannah Pipe and Drums. And y'all take off your political hats on St. Patrick's Day and just have a good time.

Commissioner Shay said, thank you very much.

Commissioner Farrell said, thank you, Mike [Foran]. [Applause].

Mr. Ansley said, I told you I was hard to get away from the microphone, but I blatantly forgot about introducing my aides. First of all, I'd like to introduce my Chaplain Father John Lyons, my pastor at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. [Applause.]

Commissioner Shay said, here, here.

Mr. Ansley said, dear friend, Jim Billac [applause]; dear friend, Michael Roush [applause]; my son, Tim, Jr. [applause]; last but not least, my sister, Colette Segó. [Applause.] Thank you.

Commissioner Shay said, Mr. Chairman, it's – it's pleasant to hear Mr. Ansley speaking not making the Bishop's annual appeal, but actually here to speak on his own behalf today, and I'd like to point out that there are probably several of the entourage that are here today that aspire someday to be parade marshal, and I would like to invite them to come over to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, because we're kind of the finishing school. If you come to Sacred Heart then that greatly increases – increases your chances of eventually becoming parade marshal.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you, and we have one other. And Jim [McLaughlin], introduce yourself.

Mr. Jim McLaughlin said, okay.

Chairman Liakakis said, great Irishman.

Mr. McLaughlin said, Jim McLaughlin. I'd like to thank Pat Farrell for putting my name in the hat today. But it's certainly a pleasure being with you

Commissioner Farrell said, well, we – we knew you'd be the most appropriate harbinger of the season, so.

Mr. McLaughlin said, thanks.

[NOTE: Mr. McLaughlin sang Danny Boy. [Applause.]

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2. PROCLAMATION FOR HIBERNIAN SOCIETY (COMMISSIONER FARRELL).

Chairman Liakakis said, next on the agenda we will have that great Irish society, the Hibernian Society, and Commissioner Farrell, we would like for you to come forth and do the proclamation.

Commissioner Farrell said, y'all gather in front. All right. Well at this time I'd like to present the proclamation to the Hibernian Society, who are celebrating – the parade's been going on for what, 188 years?

Chairman Liakakis said, right.

Commissioner Farrell said, the Hibernians must have been at the bottom of it all, they've been around this year for 200 years, having gotten started in 1812. Let's hear it for them. [Applause.] We appreciate everything that y'all have done for the community and for the Irish community and – and everyone in the County. At this time I will read the proclamation.

Commissioner Farrell read the proclamation as follows:



WHEREAS, the Hibernian Society of Savannah, the oldest of Savannah's many Irish societies and organizations, was founded in 1812 for the purpose of offering aid and assistance to less fortunate Irish immigrants; and

WHEREAS, in 1813 the Hibernian Society held a private St. Patrick's Day celebration at Independent Presbyterian Church. In 1824 James Hunter, President of the Hibernian Society, invited all local Irishmen to

attend mass and then join in a parade through the streets of Savannah in honor of St. Patrick's Day. This was the birth of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Chatham County, and

WHEREAS, the Hibernian Society of Savannah has expanded its scope to include other worthy causes and continues its mission as a charitable organization through The Hibernian Society of Savannah Foundation, Inc.

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

HIBERNIAN SOCIETY OF SAVANNAH

in recognition of their Bicentennial Celebration and extend sincere appreciation for the many donations and contributions they have made for the benefit of the citizens of Chatham County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County, Georgia to be affixed this the 9th day of March 2012.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

ATTEST:

Patrick K. Farrell, Commissioner
District 4

Commissioner Farrell said, and with that I would like to offer this –

Chairman Liakakis said, to the president.

Commissioner Farrell said, to the president.

Mr. William J. Kehoe, III, said, thank you.

Commissioner Farrell said, appreciate everything y'all have done and certainly will turn over the podium for any remarks that you would like to make.

Chairman Liakakis said, and if you will identify yourself, Mr. President, and also if you will identify all of your members.

Mr. Kehoe said, I certainly will. First off, thank you Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Pat [Farrell], for this proclamation. We're most honored. 200 years of celebration of heritage and charity, this is certainly well received. I have with me, vice president, Bill Bruggeman; Walter Murphy, who's co-chairman of the Bicentennial Committee; Walter Hartridge, who is a member of the historical committee and also has been very helpful in putting these proclamations together; Mr. Tom Hussey is assistant secretary; who else do we have? Mr. McLaughlin, who you all know, and what a wonderful job you did, thank you. And Pat – excuse me, Pat, Harvey Farrell, who has been in charge of the communications committee. And thank you Harvey [Farrell] for making all this possible. But thank you – thank you all very, very much. [Applause.]

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

1. ACTIONS REGARDING HB 48 (LEE HUGHES WILL BE PRESENT).

Chairman Liakakis said, next on the agenda is the action regarding House Bill 48, and Lee Hughes, who is our lobbyist will come forth, and he'll explain that House Bill that's in the legislative – in Atlanta now.

Mr. Lee Hughes said, good morning, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. We had the opportunity to discuss this in the pre-meeting but for the benefit of the audience, I think it's important to understand that right now Georgia has a law that allows for freeport exemptions. In other words, exemptions from ad valorem taxes of certain tangible property in the case where they are approved by a local referendum that was set up by the local governing authority. Chatham County is one of the counties in the State that at one point opted to enact a – a local freeport exemption. House Bill 48 was actually – the same language was passed a couple of years ago by the House and the Senate. The Governor actually vetoed it. House Bill 48 has passed this year the House of Representatives and is in the Senate. Should be voted on this Monday and probably will pass, although I hate to speculate about that, it seems like it will pass this – this Monday. If it passes it will not change Chatham County's current situation. It will not change the current freeport exemption that exists already in Chatham County. What House Bill 48 does is it provides for a new, larger, more widely applied freeport exemption called a level 2 freeport exemption. If the bill passes and is signed by the Governor, the County will have the option to enact a – the – the new level 2 freeport exemption either in lieu of the level 1 freeport exemption that you have now or in addition to or you can opt not to pass it. But in order to do that, you vote to set up a referendum and then the County's residents – voters have to vote it in. The reason that this is on the agenda today is in earlier drafts of this, we were concerned that it might be a – a mandated exemption and if so it could have cost a great deal of tax revenue to the County. In between the time that this was added to your agenda and today, it's become more clear the – the language is purely optional and creates more options for the County government. I – actually my professional recommendation at this point is that we probably do not need to be involved in – in lobbying for or against this bill. The State Association of County Commissioners, as well as the Georgia Municipal Association, neither are opposing this legislation. I'd be happy to answer any questions, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Liakakis said, any questions for Lee [Hughes]? Okay. Thank you very much, Lee [Hughes]. Wait a minute. Russ [Abolt]?

County Manager Russ Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, not – not a question, but again, it's – it's for the future County Commissions. If just as a matter of practice we could ask the – the Clerk of the Commission to enter into her record the various emails and succession of emails so in the event that future County Commissions might want to understand the – the legislative intent of this Board is certainly to follow the direction of the legislative liaison but also to show that there was some caution expressed at this time. That it was just not a neutral discussion.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. All right, thank you Lee [Hughes], and we appreciate all the good work that you do at the capital for us because you've helped the County on many, many times.

Mr. Hughes said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, you're welcome.

AGENDA ITEM: VI-1
AGENDA DATE: March 9, 2012

Russ Abolt

From: Lisa Colbert
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2012 1:17 PM
To: Lee Hughes
Cc: Maryellen Burner; Abda Quillian; Linda Cramer; Russ Abolt
Subject: RE: My recommendation on HB 48

Thanks for the update.

Lisa

From: Lee Hughes [[mailto: lee@hughespublicaffairs.com](mailto:lee@hughespublicaffairs.com)]
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2012 1:16 PM
To: Lisa Colbert
Subject: Re: My recommendation on HB 48

It has passed the House and has been favorably reported out of a senate committee. It will be voted on by the full Senate Monday and will likely pass at that time. Because the Senate changed the bill it will have to be voted on again by the House.

Lee Hughes
Sent from my iPhone 4S

On March 8, 2012, at 11:54 AM, Lisa Colbert <LGColber@chathamcounty.org> wrote:

Good morning Lee,

Can you advise as to whether HB 48 passed?

Thanks

Russ Abolt

From: Maryellen Burner
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2012 12:00 PM
To: Lee Hughes; Lisa Colbert; Russ Abolt
Cc: Linda Cramer; Donna Myers; Jackie Roberts; Pat Monahan; Abda Quillian; Michael Kaigler; Lisa Colbert
Subject: RE: My recommendation on HB 48

Dear Sir:

I have reviewed your email: My comments are outlined below:

1. We are the ones that work the exemptions for Freeport. We know that the exemption of inventory may be a partial exemption or a total exemption. That is for Level 1.
2. Level 2 is an all or nothing proposition. Pursuant to lines 212 to 214, ... the inventory of finished goods held by one in the business of making sales of such goods... is a complete exemption for retailers. Where will this loss on the digest be recovered?
3. The elements on pg. 8, 48-5-48.6(b),... which would not otherwise qualify for a level 1 Freeport exemption... further impacts the loss of inventory on the digest.
4. My \$1,200,000,000 figure was the total amount of inventory from the Tax Year 2011 digest. This figure was computed using all inventory in the class and strata of Commercial Inventory and Industrial Inventory for reporting purposes to the Georgia Department of Revenue. I then added in the figure that received Freeport for TY11. This is the worst case scenario. The adoption may be increments of 20% up to a full 100% adoption. A 20% level would amount to \$240,000,000.
5. I also had three points that I made in my original e-mail dated Tuesday, March 6, 2012. They were the worst case scenario of loss of inventory to our digest; the staff impact; the use of 48-5-380 to further impact the loss of inventory to our digest. The only focus has been the loss to the digest. What about the other items?

I look forward to continuing our dialogue on this. If we need to schedule a meeting, I am available tomorrow.

Thanks,
Maryellen

From: Lee Hughes [[mailto: lee@hughespublicaffairs.com](mailto:lee@hughespublicaffairs.com)]
Sent: Thursday, March 07, 2012 9:02 PM
To: Lisa Colbert; Russ Abolt
Cc: Maryellen Burner; Linda Cramer; Donna Myers; Jackie Roberts; Pat Monahan; Abda Quillian; Michael Kaigler; Lisa Colbert
Subject: My recommendation on HB 48

I have thoroughly reviewed House Bill 48, both the original version, and, more importantly, the current version. I have conferred extensively with legislators, ACCG staffers, officials from the Georgia Department of Economic Development, and representatives of the Georgia and Savannah Chamber of Commerce and SEDA. I also discussed the bill at length today in a conference call with Linda Cramer, Lisa Colbert, and Abda Quillian.

The bottom line is that the bill poses virtually no threat to the county digest.

Current law provides the option for county governments to provide a total or partial freeport exemption after authorization by the governing authority (board of commissioners) and approval by voter referendum. Chatham County exercised that option several years ago and it was approved by the voters so a freeport exemption already exists in Chatham County. A freeport exemption is an exemption from ad valorem taxation of certain (limited) tangible personal property.

The purpose of the bill is to create a new Freeport exemption called a level 2 Freeport exemption that can be much broader in its application. Like the now-called level 1 freeport exemption already in place, the new exemption requires authorization by the commissioners and approval by referendum. Therefore it cannot be enacted by the legislature and forced on counties.

ACCG does not oppose the bill because it provides more choices for county governments and more local control.

In my professional opinion, no action is needed regarding on this legislation and further discussion.

Lee Hughes
Sent from my iPhone 4S

On Mar 7, 2012, at 2:41 PM, Lisa Colbert <LGColbert@chathamcounty.org> wrote:

Lee,

Linda and I are in the process of reviewing the Senate committee substitute on HB48. However, we would prefer that Ab Quillian also participate the telephone conference. Ab will not be available before 4:00.

Please confirm whether or not you will be available for a conference call at that time in lieu of the 3:00 p.m. call previously scheduled.

Lisa

From: Lee Hughes [[mailto: lee@hughespublicaffairs.com](mailto:lee@hughespublicaffairs.com)]
Sent: Thursday, March 07, 2012 1:45 PM
To: Pat Monahan
Cc: Lisa Colbert; Read DeHaven; Maryellen Burner; Patricia Bell; Linda Cramer; Donna Myers; Jackie Roberts
Subject: RE: seeking feedback on HB 48

The version of the bill that we need to evaluate immediately is the Senate committee substitute to House Bill 48. Based on my review of the bill and discussions that I have had with those that wrote the bill, Ms. Burner's interpretation of the bill is incorrect because she assumes that the legislation would wipe out the ability to tax all business inventory. These erroneous assumptions led to the alarming projections that Ms. Cramer shared.

Stay tuned I continue to evaluate.

Linda please call me as soon as possible.

Lee Hughes
Sent from my iPhone 4S
912-658-8790

Russ Abolt

From: Linda Cramer
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 10:10 AM
To: Russ Abolt
Subject: FW: My recommendation on HB 48

I wanted to send this to you to see what you thought of Pat's idea?
Thanks.

On Mar 6, 2012, at 6:50 PM, Pat Monahan <pcmonaha@chathamcounty.org> wrote:

I will be away from the office until Monday. Let's either ask the County Commission to adopt a resolution in opposition or at least recommend delaying it. If not possible this week, the Chairman should send a letter to the delegation. If it takes a compromise, the bill should include a trigger provision which adjusts incremental values of 20 percent in exemption value once industrial value increases by 30 percent, or something to that effect.
-Pat-

From: Lisa Colbert
To: Lee Hughes <lee@hughespublicaffairs.com>
Cc: Read DeHaven; Maryellen Burner; Patricia Bell; Linda Cramer; Pat Monahan; Donna Myers; Jackie Roberts
Sent: Tue Mar 06 17:05:10 2012
Subject: RE: seeking feedback on HB 48

Lee,

Please confirm that you have received the information set forth below regarding the potential impact to the County should HB 48 be enacted.

Also, please provide us with update regarding this Bill. Thanks, Lisa

From: Linda Cramer
Sent: Tuesday March 06, 2012 4:11 PM
To: Maryellen Burner; Pat Monahan; Lisa Colbert; Patricia Bell
Cc: Read DeHaven; Lee Hughes
Subject: RE: seeking feedback on HB 48

Wow. Am I calculating this right? Looks like the revenue impact to the General Fund for the \$1.2 Billion would be a \$14.2 million decrease annually. (\$1.286B assessed value (40% of market) X 11.109 rate/1000). That would mean that the remaining taxpayers would pick up an additional tax burden so that these industries could benefit. That would result in over a 1 mill increase to the County's tax rate. That hardly seems fair to a homeowner.

From: Patricia Bell
Sent: Monday March 05, 2012 4:27 PM
To: Maryellen Burner
Subject: FW: seeking feedback on HB 48

I accidentally missed you on the original email so please see below.

From: Maryellen Burner
Sent: Tuesday March 06, 2012 3:55 PM
To: Linda Cramer; Pat Monahan; Lisa Colbert; Patricia Bell
Subject: RE: seeking feedback on HB 48

All,

After review of HB48 and discussions with our Personal Property supervisory team, there are a few problems if this bill becomes law.

For Tax Year 2011, the amount of inventory we had was \$1,286,137,801, this is the assessed value. We have not finished Tax Year 2012 yet, but our inventory amount may be comparable. This inventory amount would be removed completely from our digest. That is a huge impact should HB48 become law. I am referring to increases in the millage rate to offset this amount.

Another element is our current Personal Property staffing levels. We have four auditors that are required to audit the businesses in Chatham County and review/grant the appropriate Personal Property exemptions. Our audit staff would have to grow significantly to accommodate the volume of businesses requesting these Freeport exemptions. This has not been budgeted for FY13. It will also take any new staff member a couple of years to thoroughly understand the auditing exemption processes. The bill, as it reads to me, may be in effect for January 1, 2013.

The last item is OCGA §48-5-380. This is the abatement process through the county governing authority. Whether we make a clerical error or the person filing for the exemption makes a mistake, the county may be liable for more value coming off the digest if abatement requests are granted by the county governing authority.

From: Patricia Bell
Sent: Monday March 05, 2012 3:58 PM
To: Linda Cramer; Pat Monahan; Lisa Colbert
Subject: FW: seeking feedback on HB 48

This email is being sent on behalf of Michael Kaigler

I received the below request from Lee Hughes for feedback on the potential impact to Chatham County regarding House Bill 48. Please review the information he provided and respond back to Lee (lee@hughespublicaffairs.com) at your convenience copying me in to stay on top of your responses.

Thank you,

Michael:

Please seek feedback for me regarding the potential impact to Chatham County of the following bill if it were to pass.

Thank you,

Lee Hughes

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

None.

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CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Chairman Liakakis said, next on the agenda we will recess as Chatham County Commission and convene as the Chatham Area Transit Authority. That particular meeting with the Transit Authority will not last very long. And I'll ask all of the members of the Transit Authority to come forth now and take your positions, and we'll get started. The Board recessed as the County Commission at 10:00 a.m., and convened as the Chatham Area Transit Authority.

Following adjournment of the Chatham Area Transit Authority, the Board reconvened at 10:50 a.m., as the County Commission.

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RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Chairman Liakakis said, while we're waiting on a couple more people to come into the room, but I'd like to recognize Major Tolbert, who heads up the patrol division for the Metro Police Department; and of course, Major Zapal –

Commissioner Gellatly said, Zapal.

Chairman Liakakis said, Zapal, for all of the good work, and of course I see Lieutenant Trawick and Sergeant Flood back there also. We appreciate the outstanding members and leaders in our Metro Police Department for attending today. Thank you.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

Chairman Liakakis said, there are no Tabled or Reconsidered Items today.

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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) GENERAL FUND M&O: (a) TRANSFER \$4,500 WITHIN THE PROBATE COURT BUDGET FOR A TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE AND (b) CONTINGENCY TRANSFER OF \$7,000 TO ANIMAL CONTROL, (2) IN THE CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND APPROPRIATE \$711 TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND (3) INCREASE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES \$41,973 IN THE MULTIPLE GRANT FUND FOR GRANTS FROM THE JUDICIAL COUNSEL OF GEORGIA TO JUVENILE COURT.**

Chairman Liakakis said, items for individual action. One, to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: 1) General Fund M&O: (a) transfer \$4,500 – \$500 within the Probate Court budget for a temporary employee and (b) contingency transfer of \$7,000 to Animal Control, (2) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$711 to the District Attorney's Office, and (3) increase revenues and expenditures \$41,973 in the Multiple Grant Fund for grants from Judicial Council of Georgia to Juvenile Court. We need a motion on the floor.

Commissioner Odell said, move for approval.

Commissioner Holmes said, so moved for approval. Second.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. We need a second. All right. Let's go on the board. Motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the following budget Amendments and Transfers: 1) General Fund M&O: (a) transfer \$4,500 within the Probate Court budget for a temporary employee and (b) contingency transfer of \$7,000 to Animal Control, (2) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$711 to the District Attorney's Office, and (3) increase revenues and expenditures \$41,973 in the Multiple Grant Fund for grants from the Judicial Council of Georgia to Juvenile Court. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present; Commissioner Shay was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1
AGENDA DATE: March 9, 2012

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) General Fund M&O: (a) transfer \$4,500 within the Probate Court budget for a temporary employee and (b) contingency transfer of \$7,000 to Animal Control, (2) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$711 to the District Attorney's Office, and (3) increase revenues and expenditures \$41,973 in the Multiple Grant Fund for grants from the Judicial Council of Georgia to Juvenile Court.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Chief Clerk of Probate Court is requesting a \$4,500 transfer within the Court's budget from Reimbursement to Funds to Salaries to maintain a temporary clerk. Correspondence is attached.
2. Building Safety and Regulatory Services has requested funds in the amount of \$7,000 to cover printing and related costs to bolster animal tag revenues. Correspondence is attached.
3. The District Attorney has requested a \$711 appropriate of confiscated revenue for temporary staff salaries. Correspondence is attached. The requested use of funds has been forwarded to the County Attorney's office for review.
4. Juvenile Court has received \$37,500 grant from the Judicial Council of Georgia for the Mental Health Court. The Court has also been awarded an additional \$4,473 from the Judicial Council of Georgia for the Family Dependency Treatment Court. Correspondence and a resolution to amend the Multiple Grant Fund are attached.

FUNDING: Funds are available in the Probate Court and General M&O Contingency Fund budgets and the Confiscated Revenue Fund for the transfers. The budget amendment will establish funding in the Multiple Grant Fund.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve the following:

GENERAL FUND M&O

- a) Transfer \$4,500 within the Probate Court budget for a temporary clerk.
- b) Transfer \$7,000 from contingency to Animal Control for printing and related costs.

CONFISCATED REVENUE FUND

Appropriate \$711 to the District Attorney's Office for temporary salaries.

MULTIPLE GRANT FUND

- a) Increase revenues and expenditures \$37,500 for a grant from the Judicial Council of Georgia to Juvenile Court for the Mental Health Court.
- b) Increase revenues and expenditures \$4,473 for a grant from the Judicial Council of Georgia to Juvenile Court for the Family Dependency Treatment Court.

2. Amend or deny the request.

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

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Estelle Brown

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~~2. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE BOARD'S COMMITMENT FOR A 7 MIL PLEDGE FOR THE 2012 HOSPITAL AUTHORITY~~

~~REFUNDING BONDS UPON THE BOARD'S APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CHATHAM COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY; AND PRESENTATION OF AN UPDATED HOSPITAL AUTHORITY REFINANCING TASK LIST FOR THE PROPOSED SERIES 2012 HOSPITAL AUTHORITY REFUNDING BONDS. (Note: There is a companion memo from the County Attorney explaining action steps and sequence).~~

Chairman Liakakis said, the next item was – will be heard at a later date. And we go on to the action calendar. Item – we have items one through seven and –

Commissioner Odell said, Mr. Chairman, just a point of order. Item number 2 will be heard at a later date. Do we have a date certain of when it will be heard?

Chairman Liakakis said, yes, the 23rd.

Commissioner Odell said, the 23rd?

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah. March the 23rd for that particular item. We'll have that on the agenda.

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X. ACTION CALENDAR

<p>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.</p>

Chairman Liakakis said, under – as I was stating on action calendar, under 1 through 7, and under 7, there's items A through L. Are there any specific items that any of the Commissioners would like to hold out?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, 7 – 7A, please.

Chairman Liakakis said, 7A, okay. Any other items you want to hold out before we get a motion for the rest of the items? Okay, need a motion on the floor to approve items 1 through 7 and items B through L.

Commissioner Odell said, move for approval.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, let's go on the board. Motion passes. Under 7A, go ahead, Dean [Kicklighter].

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Dr. Thomas and I are very proud to just pull this one off and just for the public to see. This is a \$7.2 million construction contract for the widening of Dean Forest Road, and this road actually splits – well it is the boarder between our districts there, and we're really proud of this. We believe it's going to be a huge benefit for all the people living in that area. And before we vote, I also want to commend Russ Abolt and staff for their hard work on Gulfstream Road. And no I have not been but Russ [Abolt] has been out there and rode on it and tells me it's just wonderful. Thank y'all you did an excellent job. I will get out there and see it, but thanks for the quick response.

County Manager Abolt said, if – if I may I want to recognize – and thank you for your words, but it also involved Robert Drewry, Mr. Bungard and his staff, and the County Attorney. But I — it was – it was Commissioner Kicklighter that started this all. Commissioner Kicklighter was in the field and from his cell phone – he was on the scene at the time when it was holy heck, and he said something had to be done. And staff did respond immediately. This Board supported Commissioner Kicklighter and – and really with blinding speed and I don't mean to be critical – critical of the railroad at all, they did respond quickly. As you know you awarded a special contract to use approach paving. I had the occasion last week to take my wife to and from the airport and it is smooth.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, great. Thank you very much.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. There are no other items –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, we got to vote – we got to approve this one.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, motion to approve A – 7A.

Commissioner Odell said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Odell moved to approve the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 7 and under Item 7, Items B through L. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present.]
- b. Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve item 7A, construction contract for the widening of Dean Forest Road from U.S. 17 to I-16. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

[NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present.]

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

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1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2012, AS MAILED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 24, 2012, as mailed. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present.]

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2. **CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 16, 2012 THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 2012.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period February 16, 2012 through February 29, 2012, in the amount of \$12,957,125. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present.]

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3. **REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN, CLERK OF COMMISSION, COUNTY ATTORNEY AND COUNTY ENGINEER TO SIGN ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FUNDING OF STRIPING AND REPLACEMENT OF SIGNS ON VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS. [ALL DISTRICT].**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved for the Board to authorize the Chairman, Clerk of Commission, County Attorney and County Engineer to sign all required documents with the Georgia Department of Transportation for funding of striping and replacement of signs on various County roads. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-3
AGENDA DATE: March 9, 2012

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

ISSUE: That the Board authorize the Chairman, Clerk of Commission, County Attorney and County Engineer to sign all required documents with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for funding of striping and replacement of signs on various County roads.

BACKGROUND: The GDOT proposed an agreement to provide funds for a County let project to stripe and sign various county roads with federal safety funding.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. GDOT compiled a work plan for striping on five County roads and replacing signs on twenty-four County roads based on coordination staff from Engineering and Public Works.
2. The Agreement with the GDOT for the project includes the following documents for signature:
 - a. Agreement for Off System Safety Project between the Georgia Department of Transportation and Chatham County.
 - b. Right of Way Certification
 - c. Utility Agreements
 - d. Immigration Compliance Form
3. The project will be a County let project and will be reimbursed by the GDOT with federal funds.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board authorize the Chairman, Clerk of Commission, County Attorney and County Engineer to

- sign all required documents with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for funding of striping and replacement of signs on various county roads.
- 2. Provide staff with other direction.

FUNDING: No funds are required to sign the documents.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve intergovernmental agreements.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve Alternative No. 1.

District: All Districts

Prepared by: Pamela Bernard

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4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVE AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE SAVANNAH AIRPORT AUTHORITY PERTAINING TO RELOCATION OF A SECTION OF PIPEMAKERS CANAL ON AIRPORT PROPERTY.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to approve Amendment number 1 to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Savannah Airport Authority pertaining to relocation of a section of Pipemakers Canal on airport property. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4
AGENDA DATE: March 9, 2012

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager

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

ISSUE: Request Board to approve Amendment Number 1 to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Savannah Airport Authority pertaining to relocation of a section of Pipemakers Canal on airport property.

BACKGROUND: The County’s Pipemakers Canal Widening Project Phase 2 passes through property owned by the Savannah Airport Commission (Authority). The Authority requested the County to relocate a section of the canal as a part of the widening project. The purpose of relocating the canal is to facilitate future expansion of the airport’s runway and taxiway system. The Board approved the original Intergovernmental Agreement on June 24, 2004.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. In early 2004, the Authority informed the County that relocating a portion of the canal would benefit airfield operations by enabling expansion of runways and taxiways. The Intergovernmental Agreement includes provisions whereby the Authority would pay for all design and permitting costs associated with relocation of the canal over-and-above what the county would pay for widening the canal in its present location.
2. The Intergovernmental Agreement specifies the costs for the relocation of the canal not to exceed \$500,000 based upon the defined scope of work as described therein.
3. The Authority requests the Intergovernmental Agreement be amended to include exchanging the County’s responsibility to pay costs associated with relocating the security fence with the Authority’s responsibility to pay for a portion of the wetland mitigation costs, both as associated with the canal relocation effort described above.
4. Staff has established that the estimated costs of wetland mitigation and estimated costs of security fencing associated with the canal relocation are comparable.

FUNDING: No additional funds for this amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement are required.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board approve Amendment Number 1 to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Savannah Airport Authority pertaining to relocation of a section of Pipemakers Canal on Airport Property.
2. That the Board not approve the amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement.

POLICY ANALYSIS: That the Board approve amendments to Intergovernmental Agreements.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve Alternative 1.

District: 7

Prepared by W.C. Uhl, P.E.

STATE OF GEORGIA)
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COUNTY OF CHATHAM)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

AMENDMENT NUMBER 1

This Amendment Number 1 (hereinafter referred to as "Amendment") to the Intergovernmental Agreement dated June 25, 2004 (hereinafter referred to as "Agreement"), is made and entered this _____ day of _____, 2012, by and between CHATHAM COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia (hereinafter "COUNTY"), and the SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION (hereinafter "AIRPORT").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983 in Article 9, Section 3, paragraph, provides that municipalities, counties and political subdivisions may enter agreements with one another for the provision of services by intergovernmental agreements for a period not to exceed fifty (50) years; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY and the AIRPORT desire to amend the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, and in consideration of promises made herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the parties, hereby agree as follows:

1. That COUNTY will pay for all costs or otherwise provide credits for mitigating wetland impacts associated with the relocated section of the Pipemakers Canal and for the extended access road along Interstate 95.
2. The AIRPORT will pay for and cause to be completed the relocation and/or replacement of airport security fencing and impacted FAA cables within the designated Object Free Area of the air operations area.
3. This Agreement will be governed, construed, performed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia.
4. All other terms and conditions of the original Intergovernmental Agreement dated June 25, 2004, shall remain in full force and effect, save and except that provision of said agreement will be construed with this amendment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, COUNTY and AIRPORT, acting by and through their respective hereinafter named officers thereunto by proper resolution authorized, empowered and directed to do so, have caused these presents to be signed, sealed and delivered as of the date first written above.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

BY: _____
Name
Title

ATTEST: _____
Name
Title

CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY: _____
Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: _____
Janice E. Bocook
Clerk of Commission

SEAL

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

R. Jonathan Hart
County Attorney

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5. **REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL FOR WRITE-OFFS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$82,595 FOR WATER & SEWER BAD DEBTS DUE TO THE OUTSTANDING AGE OF 208 INACTIVE ACCOUNTS. THESE ACCOUNTS BECAME INACTIVE DURING THE PERIOD 2002-2004.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved the approval of write-offs in the amount of \$82,595 for water and sewer bad debts due to the outstanding age of 208 inactive accounts. These debts became inactive during the period 2002-2004. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-5
AGENDA DATE: March 9, 2012

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

ISSUE:

Request Board approval for write-offs in the amount of \$82,595 for Water & Sewer bad debts due to the outstanding age of 208 inactive accounts. These accounts became inactive during the period from 2002-2004.

BACKGROUND:

Only the Board of Commissioners has the authority to approve a write-off of accounts receivables.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. The attached print-outs provide detail on the account balances proposed for write-off.
2. The statute of limitations in the State of Georgia is four to six years. The accounts proposed for write off are beyond the statute of limitations time frame.

FUNDING:

Water and Sewer Fund Bad Debt Expense. Approval of the agenda item will establish funding.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Only the Board of Commissioners has the authority to approve such an adjustment request.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board of Commissioners approve the write-off of \$82,595 in Water & Sewer bad debts.
2. That the Board of Commissioners provide other direction.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Alternative 1.

Prepared by: Irene Vigh

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6. REQUEST TRANSFER OF WINE RETAIL LICENSE FOR 2012. PETITIONER: HOLLY A. DUNBAR, D/B/A THRIVE, A CARRYOUT CAFÉ, LOCATED AT 4700 E. US HIGHWAY 80, 31410. [DISTRICT 1.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved for approval of transfer of wine retail for 2012. Petitioner: Holly A. Dunbar, d/b/a Thrive, A Carryout Café, located at 4700 East US Highway 80, 31410. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-6
AGENDA DATE: March 9, 2012

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THRU: R. E. ABOLT, COUNTY MANAGER
FROM: GREGORI S. ANDERSON, DIRECTOR OF BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES
 WILLIE LOVETT, CHIEF OF POLICE

ISSUE

Request for approval for a transfer of wine retail license for 2012, **Holly A. Dunbar, d/b/a Thrive, a Carryout Café**, located at **4700 E. US Highway 80, Savannah, GA 31410**.

BACKGROUND

Ms. Dunbar requests approval for a transfer of wine retail license in connection with an existing private club. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. The license is being transferred from Wendy Armstrong to Holly A. Dunbar.

FACTS AND FINDINGS

1. The application was reviewed by the Police Department for compliance of the applicant and site distance requirements and approved.
2. The returned application was reviewed by Building Safety. The County Fire Marshal inspected the site for compliance and approved the facility.

3. The applicant and business meet the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.
4. The applicant has been notified in writing of the date and time of the hearing.

RECOMMENDATION

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

District 1

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Chief Willie Lovett

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

- a. Commissioner Odell moved for approval to award bids as follows B-L: (Please note that new purchase thresholds of \$10,000 or more have been enacted; however, contracts and change orders of a lesser amount still will appear.) Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present.]
- b. Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve item 7A, construction contract for the widening of Dean Forest Road from U.S. 17 to I-16. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present.]

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
A. Construction contract for the widening of Dean Forest Road from U.S. 17 to I-16	SPLOST	McLendon Enterprises, Inc.	\$7,247,490	•SPLOST (2003-2008) - SR 307 Widening Project •SPLOST (2008-2014) - SR 307 Widening Project
B. Donate a used transport van to City of Bloomingdale	Special Project	N/A	N/A	N/A
C. One (1) used non-typical replacement vehicle	Fleet Operations	Fairway Lincoln	\$30,800	CIP - Fleet Replacement
D. Two (2) section evidence lockers which include 12 compartments	CNT	Walter Hopkins Company	\$10,880	CNT Confiscated Funds - Other Equipment
E. Sole source purchase of technical surveillance equipment	CNT Confiscated Funds - Other Equipment	Adaptive Digital Systems	\$17,350	CNT Confiscated Funds - Other Equipment
F. Construction contract for Fleet Operations Phase I - Site Work	CIP	Griffin Contracting, Inc.	\$360,287	CIP - Fleet Operations
G. Sole source annual service agreement for eight (8) Powerware Eaton UPS equipment systems	I.C.S	Eaton Corp.	\$14,000	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
H. Confirmation of the emergency purchase to resurface approaches to railroad track on Gulfstream Road	CIP	Carroll and Carroll, Inc.	\$14,000	CIP - Roads Improvements
I. Repair of leaks, seal kit and cylinder to an excavator for Public Works	Fleet Operations	ASC Construction Equipment	\$11,351	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
J. Increase the scope of services with DMS Construction Services to include construction management	CIP	Dan Smirl d/b/a DMS Construction Services	\$85 per hour	CIP - Detention Center Expansion Project

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
K. Bond Disclosure Counsel	County Attorney	Robert E. James, II, of Golden Holley James, LLP	TBA	Bond Issue
L. Move master radio site from the Judicial Courthouse to the tower site at the Sheriff's Complex	I.C.S.	Aviat Networks	\$20,934	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.

AGENDA ITEM: X-7 A thru L
AGENDA DATE: March 9, 2012

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

ITEM A

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a construction contract in the amount of \$7,247,490 to McLendon Enterprises, Inc., for the widening of Dean Forest Road from U.S. 17 to I-16.

BACKGROUND: A contract was awarded to Thomas and Hutton Engineering, Inc., on November 7, 2008 for the design of the widening of Dean Forest Road. The project includes 2.1 miles of widening and reconstruction from two lanes to four lanes with a divided median. The project also includes drainage, sidewalks and installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of U.S. 17 and Dean Forest Road.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- This project was properly advertised. Three (3) bids were received and opened on 22 February 2012. The bid results are as follows:

McLendon Enterprises, Inc. Vidalia, GA	\$7,247,490
Baker Infrastructure Group, Inc. Garden City, GA	\$7,589,885
Seaboard Construction Co. Brunswick, GA	\$7,803,641
- Staff believes the bid from McLendon Enterprises is fair and reasonable. The project is expected to be completed within 18 months from notice to proceed.

FUNDING: •SPLOST (2003-2008) - SR 307 Widening project (3234220 - 54.14001 - 32351057) - \$5,500,000
 •SPLOST (2008-2014) - SR 307 Widening project (3244220 - 54.14001 - 32451147) - \$1,747,490

ALTERNATIVES:

- Board approval to award a construction contract in the amount of \$7,247,490 to McLendon Enterprises, Inc., for the widening of Dean Forest Road from U.S. 17 to I-16.
- Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
 CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval to donate a used Sheriff/Detention Center van (transport vehicle) to the City of Bloomingdale.

BACKGROUND: The City of Bloomingdale has requested to purchase a used transport vehicle. The Sheriff has recommended donating the vehicle to the City of Bloomingdale. Attached is a copy of the letter from the City of Bloomingdale and from Sheriff St. Lawrence (pages 35-36).

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. Currently, the Detention Center has a van that is going out of service due to normal replacement schedule.
- 2. The proposed van is a 2006 Ford 15 passenger van with 123,425 miles in fair condition. The estimated value of the van, if sold at auction would generate approximately \$5,000-6,000.

FUNDING: None required

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval to donate used Sheriff/Detention Center Van to the City of Bloomingdale at no cost.
- 2. Board approval to donate a used Sheriff/Detention Center van to the City of Bloomingdale for a nominal fee.
- 3. Provide staff with other directions.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to assist municipalities when possible.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
READ DEHAVEN

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$30,800 purchase of one (1) used non-typical replacement vehicle for CNT from Fairway Lincoln.

BACKGROUND: C.N.T. has approved funding to replace 13 vehicles through the CIP, Police Merger. The final vehicle was purchase November 18, 2011 with the Commission approval. Due to favorable negotiation, we have a balance of \$57,000 available from FY2012 purchases. This replacement vehicle is to replace one that was totaled in an accident in July 2010.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

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

Fairway Lincoln 1 Vehicle \$ 30,800

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

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approve a \$30,800 purchase of one (1) used non-typical replacement vehicle for CNT from Fairway Lincoln.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$10,880 purchase of evidence lockers from Walter Hopkins Company for Chatham County C.N.T.

BACKGROUND: On 11 November 2011, the Board approved the appropriation of Confiscated Funds to CNT in the total amount of \$51,210.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. The evidence lockers will be delivered and installed to accommodate and match existing shelving and evidence lockers at the present C.N.T location.
- 2. The evidence lockers are being purchased from the State of Georgia contract with Walter Hopkins.
- 3. Staff believes the total cost of \$10,880 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CNT Confiscated Funds - Other Equipment
(2103222 - 54.25001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$10,880 purchase of evidence lockers from Walter Hopkins Company for Chatham County C.N.T.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: Chatham County's Purchasing Ordinance and Procedures Manual requires Board approval for any purchases of more than \$10,000.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$17,350 sole source purchase of technical surveillance equipment from Adaptive Digital Systems, Inc., for Chatham County C.N.T.

BACKGROUND: On 11 November 2011, the Board approved the appropriation of Confiscated Funds to CNT in the total Amount of \$51,210.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Adaptive Digital Systems, Inc., is the sole source manufacturer and direct distributor of covert recorders, support microphones and digital recorder support units.
2. This surveillance equipment must be compatible with existing surveillance equipment.
3. Staff believes the total cost of \$17,350 to be fair and reasonable.

FUNDING: CNT Confiscated Funds - Other Equipment
(2103222 - 54.25001)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$17,350 sole source purchase of technical surveillance equipment from Adaptive Digital Systems, Inc., for Chatham County C.N.T.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: Chatham County's Purchasing Ordinance and Procedures Manual requires Board approval for any purchases of more than \$10,000.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a contract in the amount of \$360,287 to Griffin Contracting, Inc. for Fleet Operations - Phase I - Site Work.

BACKGROUND: The old 84 Lumber site, located at 4220 Ogeechee Road, was purchased in February 2011 for the purpose of providing a suitable location for the relocation of Fleet Operations. The current Fleet Operations location on Sally Mood Drive is in a flood zone.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Civil site work is necessary and required to provide water, electrical power, sanitary sewer, pavement demolition, asphalt/concrete paving, clearing and grading for the existing 29,000 sq. ft. building and the 8,800 sq. ft. new construction. This phase of the project provides civil site work required by codes to renovate and enlarge a building that will provide repair and preventive maintenance service for approximately 1,065 vehicles in a safe, reliable and efficient manner.
2. Civil site work, as specified in the bid, is mandated by the City of Savannah and Chatham County building codes for the operations of a vehicle repair shop.
3. This project was properly advertised and five bids were received and opened on 14 February 2012. The bids are as follows:

Griffin Contracting, Inc. Pooler, GA	\$360,287
Savannah River Utilities Co. Springfield, GA	\$420,119

E&D Contracting Services, Inc. ** \$480,536
Savannah, GA

McLendon Enterprises, Inc. \$518,274
Vidalia, GA

Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc.* \$604-056
Hardeeville, SC

*MBE firm **WBE firm

- 4. Reference checks of the low bidder, Griffin Contracting, Inc., were conducted by Fred Thompson, Consultant, and found to be acceptable. Staff believes the bid received from Griffin Contracting, Inc. is fair and reasonable and within the project budget.

FUNDING: CIP - Fleet
(3501567 - 54.13001 - 35031357)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of a contract in the amount of \$360,287 with Griffin Contracting, Inc. for the Fleet Operations - Phase I - Site Work.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommend approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$14,000 sole source annual service agreement for eight (8) Powerware Eaton UPS equipment systems from Eaton Corp for the I.C.S. department.

BACKGROUND: I.C.S. purchased eight (8) Powerware UPS systems from Eaton Corporation and the annual support maintenance must be purchased through Eaton Corporation. Eaton does not have any authorized third party service provider in this area. Other vendors may be able to quote but will not be able to provide the proper equipment and/or software necessary to perform full preventive maintenance and the scope of work required for emergency repairs.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. I.C.S. recommends preventive maintenance contracts for UPS equipment which provide temporary power during power failures to prevent damage to County equipment. This agreement provides preventive maintenance to both the UPS system and to the batteries within the system.
- 2. Uninterruptible power supplies absorb power surges, smooth out noisy power sources, provide power to equipment during line sags, and provide temporary power after a blackout.
- 3. Staff believes the total cost of \$14,000 for annual maintenance on the eight (8) UPS systems to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of a \$14,000 sole source annual service agreement for eight (8) Powerware Eaton UPS equipment systems from Eaton Corp for the I.C.S. department.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board confirmation of the \$14,000 emergency purchase to resurface approaches to railroad track on Gulfstream Road from Carroll and Carroll Inc., for Public Works and Park Services.

BACKGROUND: Numerous complaints had been received about the roughness of the Norfolk Southern railroad crossings on Gulfstream Road near the Robert B. Miller intersection. The Board issued a resolution on 13 January 2012 that Norfolk Southern should take necessary steps to improve the condition of the crossings.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. On 7 February 2012 staff finalized discussions with Norfolk Southern about repair of the rail system crossing on Gulfstream Road. Repairs were to be accomplished during the 21 - 25 February time frame.
2. Public Works desired to address the asphalt approaches of the tracks at the conclusion of rail repair and requested emergency approval to have a contractor mill and resurface the asphalt approach surfaces.
3. Staff requested pricing from several local vendors to expedite the process. The quotes are as follows:

Carroll and Carroll Savannah, GA	\$14,000
Griffin Contracting, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$16,000
Baker Infrastructure Group, Inc. Garden City, GA	\$16,500
4. Staff requested emergency approval from the Chairman so that the resurfacing could occur in conjunction with Norfolk Southern repairs and thus avoid road closure at a later date and add to the frustration of the traveling public. He concurred (see attached page 13) and directed staff to seek Board confirmation at their next scheduled meeting.
5. Public Works placed sign boards alerting motorists on 16-17 February and blocked Gulfstream Road on 21 February. All companies and organizations in the area were notified of the work. The project was completed and the road reopened on 25 February.

FUNDING: CIP - Road Improvements
(3504100 - 54.14001 - 35030817)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board confirmation of the \$14,000 emergency purchase to resurface approaches to railroad track on Gulfstream Road from Carroll and Carroll, Inc. for Public Works and Park Services.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM I

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$11,351 repair to the excavator for Public Works and Park Services from ASC Construction Equipment of Savannah.

BACKGROUND: The excavator was in the vendor's shop for repair to the track assembly and additional repairs were found due to wear and tear. Links, seal kit and cylinder work were required to complete the job. This excavator is a key piece of equipment for Public Works and Park Services.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Board approved on 16 December 2011 the repairs to the link track assembly from ASC Construction Equipment.
2. It is common with all large equipment repairs for additional parts and labor to be required, due to hidden damage that cannot be determined until it is disassembled. While at the vendor's shop, additional damage was found and needed to be addressed.
3. The cost for the additional work is \$11,351.

FUNDING: General Fund/M&O - Fleet Operations
(1001567 - 52.22100)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of a \$11,351 repair of a excavator for Public Works and Park Services from ASC Construction Equipment, Savannah, Georgia.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the repair of essential equipment necessary

for the daily operation of the using department.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM J

ISSUE: Request Board approval to extend the scope of services for the professional services contract with Dan Smirl d/b/a DMS Construction Services, to include construction management services for the Detention Center Expansion.

BACKGROUND: Chatham County is in the middle of a three-year expansion to the existing Detention Center which requires a construction manager. The construction manager in charge of the daily construction activities is a county employee who is retiring in the near future. A project of this size and complexity requires consistent and uninterrupted oversight. The \$70,734,000 construction contract is under Hunt/Mills. The latest substantial completion date is 5/25/13. A professional services contract was approved by the Board on May 13, 2011 with DMS Construction Services to provide coordination of all furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) for the Detention Center Expansion project.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. In this expanded scope of services, DMS Construction Services (DMSCS) will assist the County's Project team in managing the daily construction activities as required to provide a successful interface between the Owner, Contractor and Design Professionals. DMSCS will provide an on-site presence and will attend all required meetings to keep familiar with current construction activities and challenges. DMSCS will provide documentation as required and serve as a conduit for the flow of information and decisions that must be made to keep the Project on budget and on schedule.
2. Through his work on the FF&E portion of the project, Mr. Smirl is part of the project team. Mr. Smirl has extensive construction management experience and is uniquely qualified to serve as Construction Manager for this major project.
3. Dan Smirl will continue in his role of FF&E coordinator for the Project. He will continue to work with the CCDC Staff, Purchasing, and Engineering to obtain all furniture, fixtures and equipment in a timely and cost effective manner.
4. If the extended scope is approved, Mr. Smirl will be paid at the same rate of \$85 per hour as his current contract for FF&E coordination plus pre-approved reimbursables. In addition, approval for an assistant construction manager is requested if needed at a rate of \$75 per hour.

FUNDING: CIP - Detention Center Expansion project
(3803355 - 54.13009 - 38060407)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to extend the scope of services for the professional services contract with Dan Smirl, d/b/a DMS Construction Services, to include construction management services for the Detention Center Expansion.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
LYNN STENNETT

ITEM K

ISSUE: Request Board consideration of the County Attorney's recommendation of Attorney Robert E. James, II, of Golden Holley James, LLP, to serve as bond disclosure counsel for the 2012 Hospital Authority Refunding Bonds should the such bond issuance be approved.

BACKGROUND: The Chatham County Board of Commissioners has directed the County Attorney to make a recommendation as to potential disclosure counsel on behalf of Chatham County in regard to the Memorial Refunding Bonds issue. As you are aware, attorneys working in the area of governmental bonds, are considered to be in a specialty practice. At the present time, there are approximately four (4) attorneys in Chatham County that have the requisite experience to qualify as bond counsel or disclosure counsel. Unfortunately, two(2) of the four (4) are already representing parties to the proposed bond transaction. Of the remaining two (2) local bond attorneys, one (1) attorney felt that it would be a potential conflict of interest for him to participate in the bond issuance due to his representation of another client engaged in a similar type of business.

The remaining local attorney who is qualified to serve as disclosure counsel, is Mr. Robert James, II. Attached is information demonstrating the qualifications of Mr. James and other members of his firm, Golden James Holley, LLP, demonstrating their qualifications (see pages 14-34).

Mr. James has previously performed work on behalf of Chatham County on several other projects and has

provided exemplary services. Given that Mr. James is local and qualified, it would be my recommendation that the Board select him to be disclosure counsel for Chatham County for the 2012 Hospital Authority Refunding Bonds. Mr. James has represented that his attorney's fees for performing such services will be competitive with fees for similar types of services provided by attorneys in the Atlanta and Charlotte market in which there are numerous bond counsels.

The Chatham County Attorney recommends attorney Robert James to serve as bond disclosure counsel for the 2012 Hospital Authority Refunding Bonds should such bond issuance be approved.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Chatham County Board of Commissioners has directed the County Attorney to make a recommendation as to potential disclosure counsel on behalf of Chatham County in regard to the Memorial Refunding Bond issue.
2. Attorneys working in the area of governmental bonds, are considered to be in a specialty practice.
3. There are approximately four (4) attorneys in Chatham County that have the requisite experience to qualify as bond counsel or disclosure counsel. Two (2) of the attorneys are already representing parties to proposed bond transaction. Of the remaining two attorneys, one (1) has indicated that due to his representation of a client in a similar business as the one at issue, felt that it would not be appropriate for him to serve as counsel with respect to the subject bond issuance. Robert James, II is the other local attorney with the requisite experience.
4. Mr. James has previously performed work on behalf of Chatham County on several other projects and has provided exemplary services.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approve Attorney Robert James, II of Golden Holley James, LLP, to serve as disclosure counsel for the 2012 Hospital Authority Refunding Bonds should the bond issuance be authorized by the Board.
2. Do not approve Robert James, II of Golden Holley James, LLP, to serve as disclosure counsel for the 2012 Hospital Authority Refunding Bonds should the bond issuance be approved.
3. Provide staff other direction.

FUNDING: Bond Issuance
(4108958 - 58.40001)

POLICY ANALYSIS: Given that Mr. James is local and qualified, it would be my recommendation that the Board select him to be disclosure counsel for Chatham County for the 2012 Hospital Authority Refunding Bonds.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
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ITEM L

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$20,934 service agreement from Aviat Networks to relocate the Master Radio Site from the Judicial Courthouse to the new tower site at the Chatham County Sheriff Complex.

BACKGROUND: The County's microwave devices are old and will no longer be supported by the vendor, Harris Communications. Harris Communication does not have anyone certified to work on this type of equipment.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Aviat Networks has certified technicians to relocate and tune the microwave equipment to minimize down time and service interruption for all area users.
2. Motorola Corporation, which has an agreement with Chatham County to move the radio system master site, would not move these microwave systems because of their age and lack of spare parts. Motorola would not assume any risk associated with this equipment so they recommended Aviat Networks for the relocation.
3. Motorola plans to move the radio master site from the Courthouse to the tower site located at the Sheriff's complex on March 31, 2012. All public safety first responders use the radio system and the system can only be down temporarily. The microwave systems must be up for the cutover on March 31, 2012.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$20,934 service agreement from Aviat Networks to relocate the Master Radio Site from the Judicial Courthouse to the new tower site at the Chatham County Sheriff Complex.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide maintenance for the County's portion of the

800 MHZ communication system, without interruption.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

PREPARED BY _____
PURCHASING AGENT

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XI. FIRST READINGS

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

Chairman Liakakis said, and there's no other items under first readings.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

Chairman Liakakis said, or second readings today.

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Liakakis said, under item 13, the information items, you have that in your booklet that was distributed to you the first of the week.

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: March 9, 2012

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>
20 cases hand sanitizer, 20 cases disinfectant cleaner, 15 cases sanitizing wipes	Detention Center	Paper Chemical Supply Company (WBE)	\$2,919	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Stone - in preparation for Hardin Canal drainage project	Engineering	Aggregates USA, LLC	\$4,500	SPLOST(1998-2003) - Hardin Canal
Underbrush clearing along canal on Dean Forest Road in preparation of Hardin Canal drainage project	Engineering	Pro-Grade South, LLC	\$5,335	SPLOST(1998-2003) - Hardin Canal
Two (2) contractor bed slides for Units 971 and 972	Fleet Operations	Eastern Truck Accessories	\$2,788	CIP - Vehicle Replacement

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Software support for financial management software	I.C.S.	Sungard Avantgard, LLC.	\$2,518	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.
15 vandal proof lights for recreation yards	Detention Center	Graybar Electric Inc.	\$5,010	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
One (1) hemisphere GPS receiver kit with firmware activation for Engineering	I.C.S.	Blue Planet Geomatics	\$7,623	CIP - Engineering
Additional security to evidence room to include closed circuit television and system access control	C.N.T.	ADT Security Services	\$9,994	Confiscated Funds
Flooring for Henderson Golf Club	Special Projects	Bonitz Flooring Group, Inc.	\$5,826	Bond Fund
One (1) laptop, projector and screen	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$3,455	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff
27 annual maintenance renewals for Go-To-My PC	I.C.S.	Citrix Online	\$2,990	General Fund/M&O - Various
Replace damaged guardrail on Veterans Parkway	Public Works and Park Services	Leon's Fence and Guardrail (MBE)	\$8,500	CIP - Public Works
Materials for Wilmington Canal drainage improvements	Engineering	Aggregates USA, LLC.	\$4,015	CIP - Engineering
One (1) replacement HVAC at Elections Board training room	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Southeastern Air Conditioning	\$5,500	General Fund/M&O - Elections Board
Two (2) replacement 5-ton wall mounted HVAC units	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Boaen Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	\$9,750	General Fund/M&O - Weightlifting Center
Mail meter rental for January and February 2012	Tax Commissioner	Pitney Bowes Credit Corporation	\$2,586	General Fund/M&O - Tax Commissioner
100 cases of copy paper	Detention Center	VIP Printing and Office Supply	\$2,989	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Jail operations bulletin video series	Detention Center	American Jail Association	\$3,826	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Two (2) laptops with vehicle docking stations for Sheriff's department	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$6,107	General Fund/M&O - Sheriff
One (1) laptop with vehicle docking station for K-9 division	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$3,433	K-9 Grant
One (1) high speed duplicator	Elections Board	International Microsystems, Inc.	\$9,630	General Fund/M&O - Elections Board
Remote access server that allows guest users network access	I.C.S.	CDW Government, Inc.	\$7,758	General Fund/M&O - I.C.S.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Liakakis said, and – and we need a –

County Manager Abolt said, personnel.

Chairman Liakakis said, – motion on the floor to recess for executive session and the –

County Manager Abolt said, personnel.

Chairman Liakakis said, on – on personnel. So someone make a motion, please.

Commissioner Odell said, move for approval.

Commissioner Thomas said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Odell moved to recess to executive session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present.] The Board recessed at approximately 10:55 a.m.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Holmes moved to approve a motion to authorize the Chairman to execute an Affidavit that the Executive Session was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. The motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Stone was not present; Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF MARCH, 2012.

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

JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION