

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, MAY 11, 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, May 11, 2012.

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II. INVOCATION

Chairman Liakakis said, I now call on our Priest, Father Vasile, who is the Priest for St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church to give the Invocation.

Father Vasile Mahai gave the invocation as follows:

Blessed to our God now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen. Let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy. Almighty God the giver of all that is good and true and noble, we bow our heads before you in Thanksgiving for bringing us together – together at this gathering. We offer thanks to you for the great gift of freedom given to us and for the privilege of serving your people. Oh God of our Father, when you in express of your love visit mankind and bestow your blessings on all we entreat you. We pray to you and ask of you, look with kindness on these your servants. Bless them with your grace and strengthen them in your endeavors. Direct their steps to every good work. Protect them from sickness and distress and shower them with your tender mercies.

Lord, is our accept our praise and direct our lives in the way with your commandments. Sanctify our souls; beautify our bodies; correct our thoughts; cleanse our minds; and deliver us from all affliction, evil and distress. Encompass us with your Holy angels, so guided and guarded by their company we may enjoy working in peace, love, concord, and understanding. For you are the God of mercy, compassion, love for mankind, and to you ascribe glory together with your Father and your Holy good and loving, giving spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Commissioner Kicklighter 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
Helen L. Stone, Chairman Pro Tem, District One
James J. Holmes, District Two
Patrick Shay, District Three
Patrick K. Farrell, District Four
Tabitha A. Odell, District Five
David M. Gellatly, District Six
Dean Kicklighter, District Seven

Not Present: Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman, District Eight

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

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Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Chairman, I ask that Priscilla Thomas be absent because of some family matters, please.

Commissioner Stone said second.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. We need a second.

Commissioner Stone said, I seconded it.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Holmes moved to excuse Commissioner Thomas from the meeting. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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V. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. CHAIRMAN'S STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay, next on the agenda is the State of our County address this morning.

Chairman Liakakis said, Honorable members of the County Commission, other elected officials, public servants, members of my family, ladies and gentlemen, as Americans we celebrate and champion our ethnic origins. It's our way that out of diversity comes unity. From many cultures we have kept alive belief in individual liberty, as well – as the very atom of democracy. Tyrannical regimes fall as Goliath did to David. In my case I cherish my roots to an ancient civilization that introduced democracy and representative government to the idea of a City/State. More specifically out of the Country of Greece came the Athenian City/State oath which I paraphrase, we will never bring disgrace on this our government by an act of dishonesty or cowardice. We will strive increasingly to quicken the public sense of civic duty. Thus in all these ways we will transmit this government not only not less but greater and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us. Concisely the Athenian oath swears to leave this community better than we found it. Only as one man with humble intention I have served as your Chairman for almost eight years. Because of this excellent Commission, I believe we have practiced and achieved the vision of the Athenian vote – Oath.

Chairman Liakakis said, my daddy taught me a work ethic. (GREEK) Θη πρέπει να κάνουμε πάντα το καλύτερο που μπορούμε σε όλες τις εργασίες, μικρές και μεγάλες. We should always do the best we can in all work, both large and small. He always helped people less fortunate. He was always supporting our military by sending comfort items to them as they fought the second world war. By his example I learned that we should unselfishly help others. The County Commission continues to support so many essential services to citizens with all forms of needs and wants. Here is a listing of some of these services: Superior Court, Superior Court Clerk, Magistrate Court, Probate Court, State Court, Juvenile Court, Recorder's Court, County Attorney, District Attorney, Child Support Recovery, Elections Board, Coroner, Emergency Medical Service, Engineering, Finance, Building Safety and Regulatory Services, Cooperative Extension Service with the Bamboo Farm, Department of Family and Children's Services, Greenbriar Children's Center, Human Resources and Services, Information and Communication Services, Indigent Health Care, Live Oak Public Libraries, Internal Audit, Metropolitan Planning Commission, Mosquito Control, Parks and Recreation, Public Defender, Public Health, Public Works, County-wide canal maintenance, Metropolitan Police Department, County Narcotics Team, Animal Control, Marine Patrol, Chatham Emergency Management Agency, Sheriff and Detention Center, Summer Bonanza, Tax Assessor, Board of Equalization, Tax Commissioner, Chatham Area Transit and Tele-Ride, Voter Registration, and our Chatham County Youth Commission.

Chairman Liakakis said, we came into office and had to address a budget that was unbalanced by \$5 million. We re-established a culture of responsive government. Repeatedly the citizens we serve have said thank you. Personally, I'm buoyed by citizens saying that we have regained respect for this government. Full credit goes to you, my colleagues on this Board, including former Commissioner, Harris Odell, who have shown on repeated occasions that you know the difference between self-interest versus selfless actions. Know the difference between the grandstanding and ranting versus truthfulness and passionate advocacy for right. We have almost 1600 employees providing responsive service to over 265,000 people. These employees have been exceptional in many ways. Consistently they surpass the annual giving goal to United Way and so many are a part of service clubs, church, and civic groups that do so much for this community. Our County Manager's leadership has provided an outstanding working relationship with this staff, elected officials, constitutional officers, and the entire work force. We have the best relationship with all municipalities across the County in recent memory, due in part to the City-County Coalition.

Chairman Liakakis said, with the proposed budget included are 20 pages of accomplishment that serve as a cap stone to eight years of measurable progress. There are six categories: Public Safety, Community Impact, Georgia's Greenest County Initiative, Construction and Development, Health, Welfare, Culture, and Enhancements. On Public Safety, I want to take a minute to introduce those law enforcement leaders present in the audience – audience starting with Sheriff Al St. Lawrence, Chief Willie Lovett, and CNT Director Everett Ragan. All three have responded so well in a partnership that has seen crime reduction and construction well advanced on the new detention center. The 2011 crime numbers show the Metropolitan Police Department experienced the second best year since 1979. 2011 reports continue the 4-year trend of decreasing crime in our community. Fifteen of 18 categories of crimes tracked were under the average of the past four years. The Metropolitan Police Department remains vigilant in crime reduction and prevention initiatives, enhancing public safety problem solving and engaging community involvement are key parts of continued strategies. Working closely with Mosquito Control aviation and Chatham Emergency Management, we also were able to conduct several successful search and rescue missions. Using aerial support allowed marine patrol to go directly to stranded boaters without wasting valuable time searching by water and possibly saving their lives. On one such occasion we were able to locate a subject who was reported suicidal. This subject was heading offshore but with the help of the county aviation, we were able to intercept this individual and get him transported to the hospital for treatment.

Chairman Liakakis said, the County Narcotics Team continues to amass an outstanding record of drug busts, weapons, money, and property confiscated through arrests and successful prosecution. From 2011 to the end of March 2012, over 550 arrests have been made. Numerous federal agencies have stated that we have the best drug squad in the country. In March 2011, County Narcotics Team, the CNT agents, concluded an investigation into a large scale operation of distributing prescription medication. Five subjects involved in the investigation were arrested. In May 2011, CNT agents concluded an investigation of another major sale of prescription drugs. The suspects were selling in and around the Savannah area and also Bryan County. In June 2011, CNT agents concluded an investigation involving a subject who was selling and manufacturing meth. Representatives from the television show COPS were CNT – were with the CNT agents filming the events. A suspect in Pooler was arrested and this particular raid will be shown on national television. In July 2011 CNT agents arrested a subject who was on federal supervised release for trafficking cocaine. The subject was charged with trafficking and heroine and fire arm charges. This investigation has

been forwarded to our federal DEA. In November 2011 CNT agents executed a search warrant in Pooler. The search resulted in the seizure of thousands of illicit pills, over \$113,000 in money, over 30 firearms, a moonshine distillery, a full bar and gambling operation that involved approximately eight slot machines. The Chatham County detention center expansion project construction is on going and approximately 50% complete. Scheduled completion is September 2013. We have put emphasis on hiring local workers and encourage minority participation for this construction.

Chairman Liakakis said, in Community Impact, construction is underway on a \$7 million project to renovate offices on West Oglethorpe which will become the County's second largest office space building. All work will be designed to meet LEED Silver certification. Construction will be complete on the Mother Mathilda Beasley Park Pavilion in the next few weeks. This year we completed enhancements at the new animal shelter and pet rescue center. This included a rainbow bridge that captures the spirit of our animals in the lives of our pet lovers. In 2011 at least 1,475 animals were saved and adopted. Began construction on Phase 1 of the Lower Ogeechee Trail, available to public use this summer. This will someday link the Coastal Greenway with the Litchfield tracks on the southern end of our County. We co-sponsored the Rock 'N Roll Marathon, which tallied an economic impact of over \$32 million, and we co-sponsored the Tall Ships that graced our harbor that brought millions of dollars into our community. Dedicated the new CNT facilities as the Tom Sprague Complex. Tom [Sprague] was a law enforcement leader in all levels of government. Issued \$2.6 million in bonds for acquisition of 125 Fahm Street that helped Union Mission stabilize its finances. Assisted the Georgia International Maritime Trade Center Authority with construction and administration of a \$9.2 million project along Slip 3 on Hutchinson Island. Assisted the Chatham Area Transit Authority with property acquisition and sales agreement for the Joe Murray Rivers, Jr., Intermodal Transit Center. Just completed celebrating National County Government month. We highlighted services catering on wellness. This included the 2nd Annual Wounded Warrior Bass Tournament at Lake Mayer, and we had quite a number of wounded warriors that participated in this fishing tournament.

Chairman Liakakis said, on the Greenest County in Georgia, to date, Chatham County staff has completed 34 action items listed in the Chatham Environmental Forum document, a road map for Chatham County for its journey in becoming the greenest county in the State of Georgia. An additional 15 items are continuously ongoing, such as the goal to plant 365 trees each year. And these items were success – successfully carried out in the year – fiscal year 2011 and now into 2012. Another 63 items are at various stages of completion. An internet link was established on the Chatham County government website allowing the public access to information about the County's greenest county initiative. The public can view various documents and the County's progress in becoming the greenest county in Georgia. The Chatham County Commission adopted a code amendment to require all new County buildings and major renovation projects to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environment Design, known as LEED silver certification. Solid waste drop off centers continue to thrive. There was a 10 – 10.5% increase in patrons from the previous year and recycling tonnage increased by 4%. Wetlands creation continues with 34 acres planted and reclaimed. Trees planted to date, 16,000. A project to connect these wetlands with the Bamboo Farm as a part of the Coastal Georgia Greenway is under construction. Partnering with the City of Tybee Island to install a geothermal system to serve the Tybee Island branch library. In its first six months the system reduced the branch library's energy consumption saving us a lot of money by 44% and reduced energy costs by 39%. Truman Parkway Phase V construction underway. Scheduled for completion in the year 2013. Whitefield Avenue, the Old Whitefield to Hayner's Creek Bridge construction is now underway. Scheduled for completion also in September 2013. The high level bridge on Diamond Causeway is well under construction and would not have taken place without the relentless intervention of your Chairman – Chairman and Commission. Completed construction of the Conaway Canal drainage improvement project. Completed construction of the Lewis Mills Canal Phase 1 improvement project. Completed construction of drainage upgrades at Bellview Court. Completed construction of the Romney Parkersburg drainage improvement project. Completed construction of drainage upgrades as [sic] Beaulieu Road. Completed construction of State Route 307, the Hardin Canal drainage project.

Chairman Liakakis said, under the National Flood Insurance Program, Chatham County's community rating system is currently at classification 6, and that – and therefore, 12,990 flood insurance policyholders in the special flood hazard areas received a 20% discount on their policy cost. That equates to a savings of some \$2,001,065 each year on flood insurance premiums. An average saving on 10% is also afforded to policyholders located in low flood hazard areas. King Ferry Park improvement was substantially completed on July the 1st 2011, which provided use of the boat ramp – ramp for that holiday weekend and the remainder of the boating season. Landscaping will be installed this year to complete the park improvements. Installed 300 wireless residential water meters. Resurfaced about five miles of unincorporated roads using State and County funds. Made substantial improvements in the facilities at Memorial Stadium. Improved lighting at Walter Parker Pavilion at Tybee to accommodate Sea Turtle nesting patterns and to help the other areas of the pavilion.

Chairman Liakakis said, under Health, Welfare, Cultural, the Chatham County Health Department entered into a contract to build the new health department facility at Eisenhower and Sallie Mood. Worked together with design build team to finalize construction plans for the new facility which should begin construction shortly. Live Oak Public Libraries sponsored the 8th Annual Savannah Children's Book Festival held on November the 19th last year which brought over 40,000 people of all ages to Forsyth Park to enjoy a multitude of local and national authors, illustrators, and performers to celebrate the joy of reading. Work continues on our new island and westside libraries. New facilities will replace outdated buildings. Like our southwest library, they will be LEED certified and have state of the art technology to better serve our customers. The Construction Apprentice Program has gone through some transition in the last year. We are expanding recruitment and align graduates to make a greater impact in the County. And this is where we help many of the people that have problems that – in low income and in poverty. And it has been very successful. Through grants from the Southeast Georgia Cancer Alliance, Chatham County's Safety Net Planning Counsel arranged – arranged for many colon screenings to be performed at no cost to high risk, uninsured patients bringing the total performed over a two-year period to 88. In addition 850 uninsured individuals receiving education about cancer and assistance bringing this two-year total to 1,429.

Chairman Liakakis said, Finance Department reports grant awards increased some 25% from fiscal year 2011 to fiscal year 2012. The County was audited by two state granting agencies on two separate grant awards. The auditors stated during both audits that the County has a model program. They were impressed with the County's fiscal accountability in all aspects of the grant program. Today the Finance Department will – will receive the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for fiscal 2012 adopted budget document from the Government Finance Officers Association, and this was 23 years in a row. The Finance Department received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellent in Financial Reporting for Fiscal 2011 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, and this was 28 years in a row also for his excellent in financial reporting. In cooperation with the Convention and Visitor's Bureau, which is now Visit Savannah, Mosquito Control staff secured a commitment to bring the annual meeting of the National Agricultural Aviation Association to

Chatham County for at least two more national meetings which will bring in several million dollars. In cooperation with the Savannah Convention and Visitor's Bureau again, the Georgia Mosquito Control Association, Mosquito Control staff secured a commitment from the American Mosquito Control Association to bring the national meeting to Chatham County in the year 2016.

Chairman Liakakis said, the County was approached by Memorial University Health System to provide a mill pledge guarantee for over \$183 million in refinanced Hospital Authority Bonds. The Finance Department and County Attorney's office has been working with the Hospital, the Hospital Authority, financial advisors and underwriters to structure the transaction and provide protective covenants for the County. The use of the County's 7 mil pledges for the Hospital Authority bonds is estimated to provide present value savings to the hospital over \$25 million. The Chatham Area Transit Authority improved on time performance from 59% to 73%. CAT reduced preventable accidents by 22%. The Chatham Area Transit offers special bus services to Savannah State University and will soon do the same thing for Armstrong Atlantic University. Vast improvements were made in the operation of the Boards of Equalization with a heightened emphasis on customer relations. Pennyworth Island was listed as a local historic district on the Chatham County Register of Historic Places. Comments from Moody's rating service about Chatham County, which is very important, this past week we received excellent news from Moody's rating service, specifically the County's stable outlook reflects Moody's expectation of continued sound financial performance driven by conservative budgeting practices and satisfactory reserve levels supported by former policies. Put simply, we have managed our fiscal affairs extremely well when compared to other government entities during the current recession. Our bond rating remains a solid – solid AA2 or just one step from being perfect. And this was mentioned to us by Director Linda Cramer who's done an outstanding with her jobs watching over our financial.

Chairman Liakakis said, next year the new County Commission will be charged with maintaining financial stability and it will be beneficial for us to plan a transition briefing for those newly elected board members in the fall of this year. In conclusion, during our last County Commission meeting, Mr. Gwyn Hall offered a special invocation that applies so well to the state of Chatham County government and its belief in doing more for those we serve. I quote, he said I pray for this assembled group of Commissioners and staff, grant them wisdom to govern amid the conflicting interest and issues of our times, a sense of the welfare and true needs of our community, a keen thirst for justice and righteousness, confidence in what is good and fitting, the ability to work together in harmony even when there is honest disagreement. Personal peace in their lives, joy in their tasks. This is my prayer also as we enter the last few months of this eight-year commitment to do the people's work in the highest tradition of government service. [Applause].

Chairman Liakakis said, and now I pray – I pray for all of our Commissioners, all of you, all of our staff, all of our employees, and all of the people of Chatham County. And that's important to have a good County Commission like we have 'cause they have reached out in the community, they have done lots of things working in charitable, working with civic organizations, many projects as I mentioned before that our employees, our County Commissioners, are involved in. We really appreciate that. And thanks to all of you. I want you to know that we will continue to do the things till the end of the year, and then some even after that. So, God bless each and every one of you. Thank you for coming today. [Applause.]

Chairman Liakakis said, and what I'd like to do now, this is my wife, Mary Jean; this is my son, Tony; and this is my cousin here, Effie. And of course we see that person that has done a great job in Animal Control saving all those animals, Diane Abolt, and all of her people that work for the department and all saving those pets that make a lot of difference to all of us. So thank you each and every one and as I say, you're going to see a lot more good things happening before the end of the year. [Applause.]

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CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

Chairman Liakakis said, before we get starting on the regular program, I'd like to introduce two of our Chatham County Youth Commissioners. On my left, your right, is Tahira Williams, who is the Youth Commissioner for Jenkins High School. Glad to have you here; and Tyler Washington, who is the Youth Commissioner representing Jenkins High School also. Thank you for both coming today.

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2. PRESENTATION BY KELLY BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE GEORGIA GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION FOR THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION'S DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD FOR THE FISCAL 2012 ADOPTED ANNUAL BUDGET.

Chairman Liakakis said, under the next item of business we have a presentation by Kelly Bush, President of the Georgia Government Finance Officers Association for the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the Fiscal 2012 Adopted Annual Budget.

Ms. Kelly Bush said, good morning, Chairman, Commissioners, the GFOA established the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award program in 1984 to encourage and assist State and local governments to prepare budget documents of the highest quality that reflect both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and local budgeting and GFOA's best practices on budgeting, and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal. As President of the Georgia Government Finance Officers Association, it's my honor to be here today to present your 23rd consecutive – so out of the 28 years they've been doing it, you've been getting it for 23, budget award, which shows just such a tremendous commitment from you and your – your finance department and staff because it's a tremendously complex document, and it has such a short turn-around time. So it's truly an honor.

Ms. Linda Cramer said, thank you, Kelly [Bush]. [Applause.]

County Manager Russ Abolt said, ladies and gentlemen, I want to thank Kelly [Bush], but I also want to thank from my heart Ms. Cramer and her staff. This is a wonderful, wonderful occasion, and we never take it for granted. That's why

we have such, I believe, a handsome display case for all over these years of recognition of this Board, previous Boards and staff that understand the importance of stewardship and accountability to the citizens that we serve. This is truly an accomplishment. And not a brag, but I do want to tell you in – in my professional life, which spans over 40 years, as Kelly [Bush] mentioned, the award went back to 1984. It has been my humble honor that every organization I've managed since that award came forward has won this award. I'm very proud of that. [Applause.]

Ms. Cramer said, thank you, and every year we're excited to receive the award because they keep changing the criteria. Most – the budget book in the past two years they've reorganized it completely so we, you know, every time they do that you think oh, did I – did we leave something out? Did we not do something right? And this year we had a really temperamental reviewer that was – must have been angry when they were reviewing our budget document because we had some very strange comments. But – but we got through it. So I'd like to recognize my staff, Read DeHaven. You all know Read. He's our long time budget officer. Estelle Brown, assistant budget officer. Lynn Stennett, who stepped in this year to help us out since Tom retired. Chris Morris, been here a long time as well. Budget analyst Gloria Saugh, Rusheda Adeshina, and I want to thank all of them for their assistance and help. And as you know, we've – were – we have the recommended budget going to you today from the County Manager, and we look forward to another exciting budget process in the next few months. And I'd like to ask Read [DeHaven] to put this on the – on the wall over there. Also thank Kelly [Bush] so much. Kelly's [Bush] from Henry County so she's – she came down, and she has family here, and one of them's having a baby today, so she's getting – kind of an exciting day for her. Thank you.

Commissioner Shay said, God bless.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, Kelly [Bush], thank you very much for coming today to present this award to Chatham County because we know we've got an excellent financial staff. They watch over all of those monies, and that's really important as we know, but to do the right thing, to make sure that our citizens' money is taken care of and put in the right place.

Ms. Bush said, yes, sir. Thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, you're welcome.

Ms. Bush said, thank you for all of your commitment and hard work.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you. [Applause.]

AGENDA ITEM: V-2
AGENDA DATE: May 11, 2012

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

ISSUE: Presentation by Kelly Bush, President of the Georgia Government Finance Officers Association of the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the fiscal 2012 Adopted Annual Budget.

BACKGROUND: The Finance Department participates in the GFOA's award program with the annual submissions of its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Adopted Annual Budget to the GFOA for review.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. For the 23rd consecutive year, the GFOA has awarded Chatham County with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. This award recognizes the high quality of disclosure in the County's Fiscal 2012 Adopted Annual Budget document. Chatham County ranks fourth among Georgia governments for the length of time it has received consecutive budget awards.
2. The County has also submitted its June 30, 2011 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report to the GFOA for review. This represents the County's 28th year in the GFOA program for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The County is committed to maintaining high financial reporting standards. The County has not received the results of the review.
3. For fiscal year 2009, the GFOA reports that 39 Georgia governments received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. For the 2009 fiscal year, 131 Georgia governments and authorities received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

FUNDING: N/A

POLICY ANALYSIS: Chatham County remains committed to providing quality financial reporting to its citizens and investors.

ALTERNATIVES:
For information only.

RECOMMENDATION:
For information only.

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VI. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

None.

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VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

None.

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CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Chairman Liakakis said, next on the agenda what we going to do right now, we're going to recess as the Chatham County Commission and convene as the Chatham Area Transit Authority. The Board recessed as the County Commission at 10:14 a.m., and convened as the Chatham Area Transit Authority.

Following adjournment of the Chatham Area Transit Authority, the Board reconvened at 11:15 a.m., as the County Commission.

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VIII. TABLED/RECONSIDERED ITEMS

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

Chairman Liakakis said, there are no Tabled and 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 \$3,446 from contingency to Public Defender, b) transfer \$30,000 within the Tax Commissioner's budget to overtime, 2) in the Special Service District Fund: transfer \$100,000 from the County Engineer's operating budget to Transfer Out to the Capital Improvement Program Fund, 3) in the Capital Improvement Program Fund: a) increase revenues \$100,000 Transfer In From Special Service District Fund and b) increase expenditures \$100,000 County Engineer CIP, and 4) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$6,877 to Police expenditures.**

Chairman Liakakis said, under Item 9, items for Individual Action –

County Manager Abolt said, hold it, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, – okay, under Item 1, to request approval of the following budget amendments and transfers: (1) in the General Fund M&O: a) transfer \$3,446 from contingency to Public Defender, b) transfer \$30,000 within the Tax Commissioner's budget to overtime, 2) in the Special Service District Fund: transfer \$100,000 from County Engineer's operating budget to Transfer Out to the Capital Improvement Program Fund, 3) in the Capital Improvement Program Fund: a) increase revenues \$100,000 Transfer In From Special Service District Fund and b) increase expenditures \$100,000 County Engineer CIP, and 4) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$6,877 to Police expenditures. Need a motion on the floor.

Commissioner Shay said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Holmes said, second.

Commissioner Gellatly said, second.

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to approve following budget amendments and transfers: (1) General Fund M&O: a) transfer \$3,446 from contingency to Public Defender, b) transfer \$30,000 within the Tax Commissioner's budget to overtime, 2) in the Special Service District Fund: transfer \$100,000 from the County Engineer's operating budget to Transfer Out to the Capital Improvement Program Fund, 3) in the Capital Improvement Program Fund: a) increase revenues \$100,000 Transfer In From Special Service District Fund and b) increase expenditures \$100,000 County Engineer CIP, and 4) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$6,877 to Police expenditures. Commissioners Holmes and Gellatly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present;

Commissioner Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-1
AGENDA DATE: May 11, 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 \$3,446 from contingency to Public Defender, b) transfer \$30,000 within the Tax Commissioner's budget to overtime, 2) in the Special Service District Fund: transfer \$100,000 from the County Engineer's operating budget to Transfer Out to the Capital Improvement Program Fund, 3) in the Capital Improvement Program Fund: a) increase revenues \$100,000 Transfer In From Special Service District Fund and b) increase expenditures \$100,000 County Engineer CIP, and 4) in the Confiscated Revenue Fund appropriate \$6,877 to Police expenditures.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Board of Commissioners approved a staff report for a Forensic Social Worker Position and a contingency transfer of \$3,446 for the Public Defender's Office at their April 27, 2012 meeting. Correspondence is attached.
2. The Tax Commissioner is requesting a \$30,000 transfer from Other Equipment to Overtime. Correspondence is attached.
3. The County Engineer is requesting a \$100,000 transfer from the County Engineer's operating budget to the Capital Improvement Fund for the Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System. Correspondence and a resolution are attached.
4. The Chief of Police has requested the use of confiscated funds to replace a damaged Animal Control truck. Funds in the amount of \$6,877 are available in the Confiscated Funds for appropriation towards the purchase of the truck for a total of \$11,807 Confiscated Funds. The remaining \$2,025 will come from the CIP Animal Control Project. The requested use of funds has been reviewed by the County Attorney. Correspondence is attached.

FUNDING: Funds are available in the General M&O Contingency, Tax Commissioner and Confiscated Funds 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 \$3,446 from contingency to the Public Defender's budget for salaries.
 - b) Transfer \$30,000 within the Tax Commissioners' budget from Other Equipment to overtime.
 - SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND**
 - a) Increase Transfer Out to CIP from \$100,000 from the County Engineer's operating budget.
 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**
 - a) Increase revenues \$100,000 Transfer In From Special Service District.
 - b) Increase expenditures \$100,000 County Engineer CIP.
 - CONFISCATED REVENUE**
 Appropriate \$6,877 to Police for the purchase of a replacement Animal Control Truck.
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. **TRANSMITTAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013 RECOMMENDED BUDGET AND DETERMINE BUDGET WORKSHOP DATES WITH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS. BUDGET BOOKS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY FRIDAY. SEE ENCLOSED STAFF REPORT. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO SET A WORKSHOP SCHEDULED AT THIS MEETING. (NOTE: COPIES OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE PLACED IN ALL BRANCHES LIBRARIES FOR EASY PUBLIC ACCESS.)**

Chairman Liakakis said, item 2, transmittal of the Fiscal Year 2012/2013 recommended budget and determine budget workshop dates with County departments and elected officials. Budget books will be distributed on Friday. See enclosed staff report. You are requested to set a workshop schedule at this meeting. Note: copies of the proposed budget will be placed in all branch libraries for easy public access.

County Manager Abolt said, Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Odell, gentlemen, this is the document. It is a recommended document only as you all know. You'll be acting on this come your last meeting in June. Many of you – well all of you have a chance to be briefed on what's in – in my budget transmittal. The budget is balanced by the tax increase, it also does as the Chairman does so well, memorialize the excellent work of this Commission in partnership with staff for the accomplishments over the last twelve months. And – I – I want to add a bit of a benediction to that. The Chairman did read, as I put in the staff report, the possible need for workshops. And I – I did that with purpose because as I think I mentioned to you there was a last minute change in digest protection – projections that altered everything we've been talking to department heads about and to y'all starting with your goal session, and the department heads were all put – brought together, including the constitutional officers and elected officials, and I asked them if they wished to have a time to meet with you in a – in briefing – or not a briefing but in a budget workshop to please come forward and express that by the end of this week. And to the credit of every one of those men and women, and I want to say thank you to you, not one, not one of those department heads wishes to come before you in a budget workshop. That's because they trust you, and I cannot say enough about what that means to me.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. What is your recommendation now?

County Manager Abolt said, just continue on with your public hearing come two weeks from now. You'll have your revenue ordinance on First Reading the first meeting in June. We'll have the digest somewhere around the first part of June, but I believe you're positioned to adopt the budget on the second meeting in June. It's balanced. I don't want to predispose you based on information you've yet to receive during your hearing, but this is true teamwork. True teamwork.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. Thank you.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:
For Information only.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-2
AGENDA DATE: May 11, 2012

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

ISSUE: To transmit the Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Recommended Budget and determine budget workshop dates.

BACKGROUND: In January 2012 the Board approved the fiscal year 2012/2013 Budget Adoption and Millage Levy Calendar. In accordance with the calendar, the Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Recommended Budget is presented.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. In compliance with State law, the 2012/2013 Recommended Budget shows proposed budgets for all County funds, excluding trust and agency funds. The document will be on file in the Finance Department and in all area public libraries for public viewing.
2. The County Manager's message provides a narrative explanation of current and upcoming challenges as well as a list of accomplishments.
3. The Recommended Budget assumes a one-half percent increase in the tax digest for both the consolidated digest (M&O) and the unincorporated area (SSD). Once firm digest numbers are received in June, the Recommended Budget will again be reviewed to ensure it is balanced in accordance with State law.
4. The budget calendar indicates that budget workshops will be held between May 14 and June 8, 2012. Specific dates need to be established by the Board of Commissioners.
5. A public hearing on the Recommended Budget will be held on May 25, 2012. The public hearing is open to comments from all citizens and external organizations. Proposed changes to the Revenue Ordinance will also be on the May 25th agenda as a first reading.

FUNDING: N/A

POLICY ANALYSIS: The conduct of budget workshops with departments and agencies is consistent with prior year practices.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Determine budget workshop dates.
2. Postpone determination of budget workshop dates.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board set the calendar for budget workshops.

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3. THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT.

Chairman Liakakis said, all right. Item 3, third quarter financial report.

County Manager Abolt said, I'll ask the award winning Ms. Cramer to come forward, please.

Ms. Cramer said, good morning. The third quarter financial report is before you for all the County funds. We're seeing pretty stable activity across all funds with the third quarter. We do have some – in – in the – in the revenue category in the General Fund and the SSD Fund, we are waiting on that second installment of property tax billings, so you're revenue numbers look a little bit low in comparison to the adopted budget. But when you compare them to what we had this time last year, we're pretty on target. So I think – I think we're in a favorable position as we head towards the end of the fiscal year. I'll be glad to answer any questions.

Chairman Liakakis said, any questions for Linda [Cramer]?

Commissioner Stone said, nope.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you, Linda [Cramer], we appreciate you with your leadership and the hard work your staff does.

Ms. Cramer said, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

For information only.

AGENDA ITEM: IX-3
AGENDA DATE: May 11, 2012

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

ISSUE: To present the Fiscal Year 2012 Third Quarter Report dated March 31, 2012 to the Board for information.

BACKGROUND: Financial reporting conveys information concerning the financial position and activities of the County to its citizens and other interested parties. Interim financial reports generally are prepared for use by professional governmental managers and board members. Such reports monitor levels of year-to-date operations and determine compliance with budgetary limitations.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Third Quarter Report covers various county funds and activities, and presents budget-to-actual comparisons. Adopted and amended fund budgets are presented as well as variance data. Prior year comparative numbers are presented on the General Fund and Special Service District Summary reports.
2. Amended budgets shown herein represent budget transfers approved through March 31, 2012. In some cases, subsequent adjustments have occurred. Year-to-date expenditure and project balances are presented. Open purchase orders and outstanding contractual obligations are not included in the year-to-date expenditure amounts.
3. Notable items include the following:

General Fund M&O

- At the end of the third quarter, the General Fund had received 67% of budgeted revenues of \$99.8 million. The fund has expended \$111.4 million, 73.7% of budgeted expenditures. Although expenditures exceeded revenues by \$11.6 million, the fund's cash balance remained positive due to reserve levels.
- Fund revenues were slightly below prior year-to-date collections. However, general property tax collections were slightly higher - \$75.5 million in 2012 compared to \$74.7 million in 2011. Real property tax collections were 55.4% of budget; personal property tax collections were \$21.3 million at 100.02% of budget. The year over year increase in personal property revenue is the result of decreased refund levels in the current fiscal period. (\$2 million favorable impact).
- Sales and use tax revenue constitutes 7% of the General Fund's overall revenue budget. LOST collections were \$8.28 million through the end of March, an increase of 7% from the prior year.
- Penalties and interest collections on delinquent taxes were \$347,817 below FY 2011 levels. 77% of the decrease occurred in the personal property tax category.
- Intergovernmental revenues were \$652,000 below prior year levels. Several line items were below prior year levels - Corps of Engineers Mosquito Control reimbursements, payments in lieu of taxes remitted by SEDA, and the State refunds for the Public Defender's office.
- The County has billed through February 2012 and received payment through January 2012 for City of Savannah inmates at the Detention Center.
- Unusual expenditure variances for the following departments are explained below:
 - County ommissioners – 41% – Encumbered funds for management consultant services and the County's legislative liaison have not been fully expended.
 - Communications – 58% – Many annual maintenance agreements are due and paid in the fourth quarter.
 - Board of Equalization – 89% – This is the first full year that the Board of Equalization has been under the administration of the Superior Court Clerk. Due to statutory requirements, the department has seen activity increases. The proposed fiscal 2012 budget provides additional funding for the department.
 - Public Works – 49% – Reflects contract canal mowing charges through November 2011. Full charges should occur by year end.
 - Transfer to E911 – 46% – Only reflects a half year of cost data.

Special Service District (SSD)

- At the end of the third quarter, the SSD Fund has received 74.6% of budgeted revenues or \$19.17 million. The fund has expended \$20.2 million, 74.7% of budgeted expenditures. Although expenditure levels exceeded revenues by \$1 million, the fund retained a positive cash balance.
- The fund's revenue position was flat with third quarter 2011 levels. Current year expenditures increased from prior year levels by over \$590,000.
- General property taxes were slightly ahead of 2011 levels and were 66.6% of budget.
- The County has received business license revenue of over \$1.1 million or 105% of budgeted revenues.

Multiple Grant Fund

- Grant drawdowns should eventually offset the difference between fund revenues and expenditures.

Capital Project Funds

- Project accounting schedules are shown herein for all of the County's capital project funds, including the SPLOST funds.

Health Insurance Fund

- Active employee medical expenses are at 75% of budgeted amounts at the end of the third quarter. Although retiree health care costs are recorded in the OPEB Trust Fund, their impact is noted on page 34.

FUNDING: N/A

POLICY ANALYSIS: Interim financial reports provide revenue and budgetary oversight by comparing actual receipts or expenditures against budgeted amounts.

ALTERNATIVES: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: For information only.

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4. TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON QUACCO ROAD FOR 72 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO QUALIFY FOR THE PROJECT FOR STATE HOUSING TAX CREDITS. (THE BOARD SHOULD ALLOW PUBLIC COMMENT. MR. W. H. GROSS, THE APPLICANT WILL BE PRESENT TO EXPLAIN).

Chairman Liakakis said, item 4, to adopt a resolution in support of a residential development on Quacco Road for 72 units of affordable housing to qualify the project for state housing tax credit (the Board should allow public comment). Mr. W. H. Gross, the applicant will be present to explain. Let's see, would you come forth then.

Mr. W. H. Gross said, yes, sir. Good evening. How are y'all?

Chairman Liakakis said, fine, thank you.

Mr. Gross said, my name is Bill Gross from down in Camden County. I met you several years ago on the CRC Planning Advisory Council, and I do tax credit projects. And, you know, you talk about private/public partnership, this is a private/public partnership, that it is great for private industry and it is great for the community. It – it presents affordable housing. This project as presented is a senior's project for those over 55 years old. It – it – it really meets your comprehensive plan. It's one of your objectives that's really nailed down in your comprehensive plan. Property remains on a tax base, so you're not having to give up any – any free services from water and sewer or tax credits. And – and I work with a syndicator. Mr. Pat [Monahan] has just passed around a book of some of the projects that we've done. The name of the syndicator is Affordable Equity Partners from Missouri, Columbia, Missouri. They have been in the tax credit syndication business probably as long as anyone since the tax laws changed back in 1986. One of – one of the more notable projects that I've just recently completed that we participated with AEP in was the renovation – it was a historic renovation of the old Ware Hotel in Waycross, which was a seven-story historic building. We layered not only the affordable credits, but historic credits on that, and we were very fortunate to – the syndicator was very fortunate to sell the tax credits to Berkshire Hathaway. So that's why we remain clients. So, it's a quality product that really – the DCA administers the tax credits. They are extremely, I'm not going to say regulated, but the compliance issues are controlled and so it – it – it will present and – and be a very well maintained project for many years. That's kind of an overview.

Commissioner Holmes said, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Gross said, yes, sir?

Commissioner Holmes said, what – did Mr. Kicklighter give you any concern about this?

Chairman Liakakis said, no, I think he was in agreement with it, from what I understand.

Commissioner Holmes said, he is?

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah.

County Attorney R. Jonathan Hart said, I think Mr. – Commissioner Kicklighter's concern was that – whether it would be a project that would stay for the elderly, and it's my understanding that in order to get the benefit of the tax credits that's probably one of the requirements of the program.

Mr. Gross said, we're in a covenant with the DCA and the IRS for 15 years. At the end of the 15-year covenant period, it can be renewed again. But for 15 years it's got to remain for elderly.

Chairman Liakakis said, and one thing about this we know we need affordable housing for many of our seniors in our community, so that's one of the reasons why this is important, and that's one of the reasons why Commissioner Kicklighter since it's in his District, he just wanted to make sure of that so that this affordable housing would go to those seniors.

Mr. Gross said, yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, Patrick [Shay]?

Commissioner Shay said, are we going to open the public hearing or can we make a motion?

Chairman Liakakis said, yeah, I'm going to do that.

Commissioner Shay said, okay. Then I'll be quiet.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay. I will now open and have a public hearing on this development on Quacco Road for 72 units of affordable housing, and we have Mr. Gross here if anybody would like to ask him those particular questions you are – you can come to the podium right now, now that we have the public hearing open. Anybody in the audience? If not, I close the –

County Attorney Hart said, well let's incorporate by reference all the comments that were made prior to opening the hearing as part of the record for the hearing.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, and – and I'll ask a couple questions during – what are the – sorry I figured you were up and I ran up the stairs and – what are the guarantees written in the paperwork or deed or whatever that would state that it is for like elderly people only?

Mr. Gross said, well, first of all, let me tell you a little bit about the tax credit program. It's called the 9% Affordable Tax Credit Program, and it's – every state, well actually every person in the United States is issued \$2.20 approximately from Congress and it's allocated based on the population of the State. So this is a competitive round that – that developers within the State of Georgia will be trying to – to – to get, and what that will mean would – in this round there'll probably be somewhere between 22 and 25 projects awarded in the entire State of Georgia. So, it's highly competitive. It's not based on who can do the project the cheapest, it's what the community needs are and – and the demographics and – and – and how long it's been since you've had a project of this sort. So Chatham County is due for one, especially in this – in your region in that – in that area of Quacco Road. We – the – the DCA is the entity in the State of Georgia that administers the – the funds or the – the credits I should say. The funds actually come from the sale of the tax credits to private industries and companies. I – I mentioned earlier Berkshire Hathaway bought the last project that I just completed a few months ago. But we – there will be filed in the courthouse a – basically a covenant that restricts the use of the property to senior citizens for no less than 15 years, and it's called a Land Use Restricted Covenant, a LURA, and so that's in the – and the compliance is incredible as far as making sure that the residents fit the criteria based on the – on the Land Use Restrictions Covenant. So it will specifically be for people 55 years or older for, like I said, a minimum of 15 years.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. How many children, family members can come stay with an elderly person?

Mr. Gross said, it's limited to just a few. Most of these will be one to two bedroom units, and the guidelines within the management agreements that we have are – are pretty – when I say restrictive, it – it is specifically not a family unit. It is specifically for seniors. But if – if the senior has a child they – they can live with them – or a grandchild, sometimes they – they may be living with them. So it's not as though it doesn't allow any children at all, but it – and I don't want to tell you an untruth, but I think it may be three per unit maximum.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, three children?

Mr. Gross said, three – three people. Three occupants. I think. And I'll confirm that with you, okay?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. What would prevent you from writing in your covenant that there was no expiration on the time limit of the 15 years where it would maintain and be for seniors forever?

Mr. Gross said, for perpetuity?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah.

Mr. Gross said, well the way that the tax – the way that the tax credit program works is that I form a partnership with a limited partner and the limited partner is the syndicator and – and equity – and ultimately the equity partner, the ones that are buying the tax credits, and what they're doing is entering into an agreement with the IRS and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, for a covenant period of 15 years. And so the – at – at the end of a 15-year period, the – any project is eligible to re-up again, which would require major renovation, bringing up of codes if codes change, and any new capital expenditures that need to be made. I don't know that it could be – that a covenant could be put on there for perpetuity because it's usually a 15-year compliance period.

County Attorney Hart said, the – the main thing about a covenant for perpetuity for most of the deals is it precludes you going back at the end of 15 years renewing and doing the things that the – the – the program requires and being able to obtain new credits. So a lot of developers are – are – don't – don't want to do that just from the stand point not so much because they're against it but they don't want to give up the economic benefit of having a second bite at the apple at the end of 15 years.

Chairman Liakakis said, now you can renew this for another period of time after 15 years?

Mr. Gross said, yes, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, okay.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Jon [Hart], what would prevent in the wording on the deed to basically have the covenants and restrictions self-limitation to seniors only forever and then that be a separate –

County Attorney Hart said, well there's – there's not – there's not a – a – there's not a – a legal prohibition against that, but it doesn't make good business sense from the developer's standpoint because he's – at the end of 15 years he's probably going to look at a renovation and get back in that program again –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay, but if the federal or state –

County Attorney Hart said, yeah.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, – knows that he already has to stay for seniors, they're not going to be interested in –

County Attorney Hart said, yeah. That's – it's sort of a disincentive to keep it for elderly, really.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, all right. Well I know based on the need for housing in the area for seniors and as nice a development as we have here, and based on actually my cousin's conversation about you, I – I know that you're one of the most honest people – he vouched for you, and he's one of the best people that I know, I – I'll have no problem supporting this, because I believe that it – it will be a big benefit for the seniors in – in our County. So –

Mr. Gross said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, Tabitha [Odell]?

Commissioner Odell said, will you allow them to have small pets?

Mr. Gross said, small pets, yes. It's a great – listen, it's – it is a great project. Will be extremely energy efficient. Not only are – I think 5, 6% of the projects are – are handicapped – of – of the units are – are handicapped, both hearing and sight impaired, and – but all of the units are adaptable which would mean an easy conversion into handicap for more units. So it's – it's really designed for seniors, you know, as they age – in the – in the apartments.

Commissioner Odell said, how many parking spaces will each unit get?

Mr. Gross said, it shows – we've already – by the way, we've already met with the Public Works out at – at a committee meeting several weeks ago and vetted this, and the site plan is remarkably close to the plan that was approved, I think back in '05 or '06, except there's fewer units than there were planned. It calls for a minimum of 1.5 but for a one bedroom and two bedroom, you know, some of the initiatives we may be – we may be going with may be earth craft or some of the other green programs that are going to try encourage more of a green – tree saving and minimizing of impervious services. So, but right now it's scheduled for 1.5 per – per unit.

Commissioner Odell said, what – like half a parking space?

Mr. Gross said, well, the – the – your ordinance, I think, calls for – some counties are different, but 1.5 per – on – on average, so if you had two apartments, you'd have to have three parking places, you know, for every 2 apartments, you'd have three parking places. But it's kind of a multiplier that – that engineers use for – for estimating how much parking requirements are needed. One of the things that I – I – I enjoyed y'all's conversation about the transit authority, and that is great because there's so many communities that cannot sit here and talk about that discussion, but that's one thing that makes this site such a good site is that there's a bus stop right there. So –

Commissioner Odell said, well the only reason I ask is because at 55 we're still – they're still driving –

Mr. Gross said, right.

Commissioner Odell said, and if they're married, they've got 2 cars.

Mr. Gross said, right. Well, the – just so you know, if we were doing a non-senior's project and – and just a regular apartment complex, it would be – still be designed for 1.5 parking places per – per apartment on average. That's the way that they do it. So –

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Liakakis said, Patrick [Shay]?

Commissioner Shay said, well, Dean [Kicklighter], if you're okay, let's – let's make a motion and get out of here, okay?

Commissioner Kicklighter said, yeah, I want to ask one question, and I – I watched your meeting on Savannah yesterday, and it – it goes into that, and I guess I'm going to lead you with this question, but appearance wise this would be a very expensive project. It would not be in the owner's best benefit in 5 years to – to not apply because at that point they would have to lease these at high end rates because it's going to be so expensive to actually build that they're very much – residents are safe guarded in the area that it will be seniors only or very high end apartments?

Mr. Gross said, well, let me put it this way, the – the – the good thing about the tax credit program and by – the DCA does a fantastic job of administering the credits and leveraging the State's resources, but the quality of the – of the units in this – in this program, I think, are – are higher than they are in many other programs. The – the criteria that we have to meet is in – not just because of the – of the State but the investors that buy these – the credits, they want to know that they're buying a property that's going to maintain its value for longevity, so, I can't guarantee that it would – that it would continue to be high rent, but I can tell you, that the probability is significantly higher than it would be in many other kinds of – of – of – even a conventionally built program.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, right. And we will still, as far as the MPC and possibly the County, we would have final approval, wouldn't we, over the actual?

County Attorney Hart said, correct.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, okay. Well, I'll call for the – I'll – I'll make the motion to approve.

Commissioner Shay said, second.

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

Commissioner Kicklighter said, thank you.

Chairman Liakakis said, thank you, sir.

Mr. Gross said, thank you, sir.

Chairman Liakakis said, appreciate that.

Mr. Gross said, appreciate it.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Kicklighter moved to approve adoption of a resolution in support of a residential development on Quacco Road for 72 units of affordable housing to qualify the project for state housing tax credits. Commissioner Shay seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: IX-4
AGENDA DATE: May 11, 2012

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

ISSUE:

To adopt a resolution in support of a residential development on Quacco Road for 72 units of affordable housing to qualify the project for state housing tax credits (the Board should allow public comment).

BACKGROUND:

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs offers a program of tax credits for owners of qualified rental properties who allocate units for affordable housing. As part of the eligibility process for the housing tax credits.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. W. H. Gross Construction is proposing a 72-unit residential project, known as The Preserve at Ogeechee, on Quacco Road in unincorporated Chatham County. The 72 units would be constructed for senior housing at affordable rental rates.
2. The project plans to qualify for housing tax credits. As part of the process, community support must be made part of the record, and a resolution (see attachment) in support of the project helps to demonstrate concurrence. Chatham County's Comprehensive Plan acknowledge the need for affordable housing, and this project would be consistent with community planning. The development group has met with MPC staff and County Engineer's Office staff to review the project and its goals.
3. Representatives from the development team will be attending the meeting and make a brief presentation. Public comment will be invited.

FUNDING:

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the Board allow a presentation, hear public comment and adopt a resolution in support of The Preserve at Ogeechee Road.
2. That the Board take other action, as appropriate.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Supporting affordable housing remains consistent with Chatham County's Comprehensive Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Alternative 1.



WHEREAS, in 2006, the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County adopted its *Comprehensive Plan*; including in its *Community Agenda*, "Goal C: Provide Affordable Housing for All Levels of Income Within the Community;" and

WHEREAS, as a goal to provide affordable housing, the *Community Agenda* includes Strategy F: "Develop partnerships with investors interested in obtaining low-income housing tax credits, historic tax credits,

bond refinancing and other sources of financing to help provide new or retain existing affordable rental housing in the City and County;” and

WHEREAS, consistent with this strategy, W. H. Gross Construction Company has proposed to construct on Quacco Road up to 72 units of affordable residential housing for older persons through a project known as The Preserve at Ogeechee; and

WHEREAS, construction of The Preserve at Ogeechee would provide affordable rental housing for older persons and would be consistent with goals and strategies contained within the adopted *Comprehensive Plan*, including qualifying the project for state housing tax credits available through the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, after duly hearing a presentation from the developer of the Preserve at Ogeechee, allowing for public comment and deliberating among the members of the Board about the public need for such projects, does hereby adopt this Resolution of support, approved enthusiastically, for the development and financing of the project.

ADOPTED, THIS 11TH DAY OF MAY, 2012.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman

Attest:

Janice Bocook, Clerk

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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, under the Action Calendar we have 1 through 6 and under item 6 we have items A through M. Need a motion on the floor to approve these unless you have one specific item you'd like to withhold.

Commissioner Farrell said, so moved.

Commissioner Holmes 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 Farrell moved to approve the Action Calendar, Items 1 through 6 and under Item 6, Items A through M. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas 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 APRIL 27, 2012, AS MAILED.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 27, 2012, as mailed. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

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- 2. CLAIMS VS. CHATHAM COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 19, 2012 THROUGH MAY 2, 2012.**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to authorize the Finance Director to pay the claims against the County for the period April 19, 2012 through May 2, 2012, in the amount of \$12,301,327. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

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- 3. TO DESIGNATE 222 WEST OGLETHORPE AVENUE AS THE "PETE LIAKAKIS GOVERNMENT BUILDING."**

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved for the Board to designate 222 West Oglethorpe Avenue as the "Pete Liakakis Government Building." Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-3
AGENDA DATE: May 11, 2012

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

ISSUE:
 To designate 222 West Oglethorpe Avenue as the "Pete Liakakis Government Building."

BACKGROUND:
 Signage will need to be ordered soon for the renovation/construction project at 222 West Oglethorpe Avenue. Although the project will not be completed until November, the signage must be fabricated. While staff has referred to the building as the Oglethorpe Government Building, the name has no significance other than its location at 222 West Oglethorpe Avenue.

- FACTS AND FINDINGS:**
1. Some members of the Board have discussed an appropriate way to recognize the contributions of Chairman Pete Liakakis, who will be ending his second term in December on the County Commission. Designating 222 West Oglethorpe Avenue as the "Pete Liakakis Government Building" would be recognition fully within the purview of the Board.
 2. The building will become Chatham County's second largest office building. Its location on Oglethorpe Avenue next to the Jepson Center places it in the heart of the Landmark Historic District.

FUNDING:
 Not applicable.

- ALTERNATIVES:**
1. That the Board approve designating 222 West Oglethorpe Avenue as the "Pete Liakakis Government Building." A subtitle will include "Chatham County, Georgia."
 2. That the Board take other action, as appropriate.

POLICY ANALYSIS:
 State law provides the Board with discretion in the naming of county facilities.

RECOMMENDATION:
 That the Board adopt Alternative 1.

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4. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL FOR AN AGREEMENT WITH COASTAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA FOR AN OYSTER SHELL RECYCLING PROGRAM AT SEVERAL COUNTY OWNED LOCATIONS.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved for the Board approval for an Agreement with Coastal Conservation Association of Georgia for oyster shell recycling program at several County owned locations. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-4
AGENDA DATE: May 11, 2012

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R.E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Robert W. Drewry, Director of Public Works and Park Services

ISSUE: Request Board approval for an Agreement with Coastal Conservation Association of Georgia for an Oyster Shell Recycling Program at several County owned locations.

BACKGROUND: The County was approached by representatives of the Coastal Conservation Association of Georgia to place an oyster shell recycling plot at several locations that are owned by the County.

- FACTS AND FINDINGS:**
1. The Coastal Conservation Association of Georgia is a private non-profit organization in partnership with the Georgia Department of Natural Resource that collect oyster shells and recycles them to be replaced into estuarine waters to replenish the oyster population.
 2. The Agreement allows the Organization use of a small plot of property for the general public to dispose oyster shells. Volunteers of the Organization collect the shells and prepares them for use

back into the estuarine waters. Currently a plot exists at the Frank W. Spencer Boat Ramp and the Organization is requesting an additional plot located at the southwest quadrant of the intersection of Montgomery Cross Road and Thomas Avenue.

3. Staff supports the oyster shell recycling program and has determined that programs such as this would promote the County's goal of being the "greenest" County in the State of Georgia.
4. The County Attorney has reviewed the agreement and agrees to its contents.

FUNDING: N/A

POLICY ANALYSIS: Board approval is required to enter into an agreement to allow a private organization use of County property.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approve an Agreement with Coastal Conservation Association of Georgia for an Oyster Shell Recycling Program at several County owned locations.
2. Board to provide staff with other direction.

RECOMMENDATION: Board approve alternative 1.

Districts 1 and 4

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CHATHAM

AGREEMENT

This agreement made this _____ Day of _____, 2012, by and between Chatham County, Georgia, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia herein referred to as "County", and Coastal Conservation Association of Georgia hereinafter referred to as the "CCA"; (collectively referred to as "Parties").

WHEREAS, County, as a political subdivision, has established a Public Works Assistance Policy for work required by other public agencies and private non-profit organizations; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to provide said assistance to other public agencies and private non-profit organizations for the benefit and welfare of the citizens of Chatham County; and,

WHEREAS, CCA is a private non-profit organization, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia and in partnership with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources; and,

WHEREAS, the County has, as a matter of public policy, determined that programs such as the CCA Program would promote the County's goal of being the most environmentally friendly and "greenest" County in the State of Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits, the public goodwill, and in keeping with public policy of the County and the purpose of CCA, the Parties agree more particularly as follows:

1. The County agrees to allow two (2) plots to be used for oyster shell recycling; 1-Frank W. Spencer Boat Ramp off President Street, and 2-the southeast quadrant of the intersection of Montgomery Cross Road and Thomas Avenue ("Recycling Sites"). This grant of license to CCA is in keeping with County and CCA being a good steward of natural resources and does require Chatham County to set forth terms by which CCA shall operate its program and to ensure the continued success of this partnership and agreement.

2. CCA accepts the sites in an "as is" condition.

3. CCA shall provide weekly monitoring of Recycling Sites.

4. CCA shall be responsible for keeping Recycling Sites clean and neat in appearance.

5. CCA shall attempt to keep Recycling Sites free from hazardous chemicals, compounds, agents, unwanted debris/materials, and disposal of such items but will not be responsible for such unauthorized disposals.

6. CCA shall post signage at Recycling Sites. At a minimum, the signage shall promote the oyster shell recycling project. Chatham County Recycles logo, and prohibit illegal dumping, and such other notices as required by County.

7. Chatham County shall assist with promotion of Recycling Sites.

8. CCA shall remove either or all Recycling Sites in their entirety at the request of the County with 90 days' notice at the expense of CCA, or as agreed upon by the Parties.

9. IT IS AGREED that in consideration of the County providing the foregoing public works assistance, CCA shall hold the County, its successors and assigns, harmless for any claims, demands, actions, causes of actions, or suits of any kind whatsoever or nature that arise as a result of CCA's actions to the Recycling Sites.

10. IT IS EXPRESSLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED that Coastal Conservation Association is an independent contractor and the County has no control over its day to day operations and functions.

The terms of this agreement shall be for one (1) year and shall continue from year to year unless notice of intent to terminate said agreement shall be given by either party within sixty (60) days prior to the renewal date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be executed by their duly authorized representatives and their seals affixed on the day and year first above set out.

Coastal Conservation Association

By _____
President

Attest _____
Secretary

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this ____ day of _____, 2012.

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: _____

Chatham County, Georgia

By _____
Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commissioners

Attest _____
Janice Bocook, Clerk
Chatham County Commissioners

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this ____ day of _____, 2012.

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: _____

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5. REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL FOR A TRANSFER OF BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE AND SUNDAY SALES LICENSE FOR 2012. PETITIONER: ALLEN RAY D/B/A JALAPENOS MEXICAN RESTAURANT, LOCATED AT 107 CHARLOTTE ROAD, 31410. [DISTRICT 4.]

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved for the Board approval for a transfer of beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday Sales license for 2012. Petitioner: Allen Ray, d/b/a Jalapenos Mexican Restaurant, located at 107 Charlotte Road, 31410. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

AGENDA ITEM: X-5
AGENDA DATE: May 11, 2012

TO: Board of Commissioners
THROUGH: R.E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Gregori S. Anderson, Director of Building Safety and Regulatory Services
Willie Lovett, Chief of Police

ISSUE
Request approval for a transfer of beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday Sales license for 2012, **Allen Ray d/b/a Jalapenos Mexican Restaurant**, located at **107 Charlotte Road, Savannah, GA 31410**.

BACKGROUND
Mr. Ray requests approval for a transfer of beer, wine and liquor pouring license and Sunday Sales license in connection with an existing restaurant. The business at this location meets the requirements of the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance. The license is being transferred from Sujei Guzman to Allen Ray.

- 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 and Sunday Sales 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 4

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

Gregori S. Anderson, CBO

Chief Willie Lovett

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

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
A. Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phones with associated licenses for the Oglethorpe Building	ICS	Mitel/Integrated Network Solutions	\$41,989	2005 DSA - South Annex
B. Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phones with associated licenses for Public Works	ICS	Mitel/Integrated Network Solutions	\$10,036	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Public Works Fund
C. System Z software support and updates	ICS	Zortec International Corp.	\$10,000	General Fund/M&O - ICS
D. Licenses and maintenance for financial software	ICS	Sungard Public Sector, Inc.	\$70,027	General Fund/M&O - ICS
E. Confirmation of emergency approval of a construction contract to replace the existing roof at the Administrative/ Legislative Courthouse	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Advantage Building Contractors, Inc. (MBE)	\$95,947	CIP - Facilities Maintenance and Operations
F. Construction contract to complete construction of Ridgewood Avenue, Beechwood Avenue and Elmhurst Avenue paving project	SPLOST	Eastern Excavating	\$377,765	•SPLOST (2003-2008) - Elmhurst •SPLOST (2003-2008) - Beechwood •SPLOST (2003-2008) - Ridgewood
G. Deductive Change Order No. 1, to the contract for the Forest City Gun Club Drainage Outfall drainage improvement project	SPLOST	Griffin Contracting, Inc.	(\$12,914)	N/A
H. Four (4) horizontal carousels for garment storage, one (1) vertical lift module for valuables storage and all associated software, hardware, equipment and labor to furnish and install a fully integrated retrieval system	CIP	Sapient Automation of Hatfield, PA	\$619,278	CIP - Detention Center Expansion
I. Wheel loader repair	Solid Waste	Yancey Brothers	\$10,220	General Fund/M&O - Fleet Repairs
J. Sell at a public auction or to dispose as scrap material, older vehicles which cannot be economically repaired	Various	N/A	N/A	N/A - Revenue Producing
K. Purchase of one (1) used replacement vehicle and authorize the disposal of two (2) vehicles to be used as trade-ins	Engineering	Fairway Lincoln Mercury	\$20,200	SPLOST (2003 - 2008) - Vehicle Replacement

ITEM	DEPT.	SOURCE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
L. Replacement body for Animal Control truck	Animal Control	Bowie International (Sole Source)	\$13,832	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confiscated Funds - Police (pending Board approval of budget transfer) • CIP - Animal Control Transport
M. Agreement with Corps of Engineers for reimbursement of harbor maintenance	Mosquito Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chatham County • U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: X-6 A thru M
AGENDA DATE: May 11, 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 of the \$41,989 purchase of Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phones with associated licenses from Mitel/Integrated Network Solutions. The pricing is from the General Services Administration (GSA) schedule.

BACKGROUND: New phones are needed for offices relocating to the renovated Oglethorpe Building.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Purchase of the Mitel phones with software and user licenses will provide enhanced communication for those offices relocating to the Oglethorpe Building.
2. These phones will make computer phone integration and collaboration applications available, resulting in increased productivity and cost savings.
3. The Mitel phones from Mitel/Integrated Network Solutions, Savannah, GA, are available to the County using the GSA schedule which guarantees most favorable pricing.

FUNDING: 2005 DSA - South Annex
 (3703355 - 54.13011 - 37032117)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$41,989 purchase of Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phones with associated licenses from Mitel/Integrated Network Solutions.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
 LYNN STENNETT

ITEM B

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$10,036 purchase of Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phones with associated licenses from Mitel/Integrated Network Solutions. The pricing is from the General Services Administration (GSA) schedule.

BACKGROUND: As part of the Public Works and Park Services project, new phones are needed to provide communications.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Purchase of the Mitel phones with software and user licenses will provide enhanced communication for Public Works and Parks.
2. These phones will make computer phone integration and collaboration applications available, resulting in increased productivity and cost savings.
3. The Mitel phones from Mitel/Integrated Network Solutions, Savannah, GA, are available to the County using the GSA schedule which guarantees most favorable pricing.

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - Public Works Fund
 (3234930 - 53.12901 - 32360436)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$10,036 purchase of Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phones with associated licenses from Mitel/Integrated Network Solutions.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM C

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$10,000 renewal for System Z software support and updates from Zortec International Corp. for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: System Z software has been used by numerous County offices for many years. The County's Judicial Information Management System (JIMS) is written in System Z format and this format is used by all of the courts.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. System Z support has not increased over the years. It has remained \$10,000.
2. I.C.S. programmers, system analysts and support staff are knowledgeable in System Z application support and programming.
3. System Z is a legacy application system used by numerous departments and is proprietary with has many custom defined features.
4. I.C.S. believes the renewal cost of this software and maintenance agreement to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$10,000 renewal for System Z software support and updates from Zortec International Corp. for I.C.S.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide the necessary maintenance for hardware and software for the using departments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM D

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$70,027 sole-source annual software license and maintenance agreement with Sungard Public Sector, Inc. for I.C.S.

BACKGROUND: This annual service agreement covers user software licenses and system maintenance required for technical support, "bug" fixes and software updates for the Financial Management Information System (FMIS) which is used by all departments.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Sungard Public Sector of Bethlehem, PA. is the only company permitted to make changes or updates to their proprietary software, thereby qualifying these agreements to fall under a sole-source procurement.
2. Four agreements are included in the total purchase of \$70,027. The new fiscal year shows an increase of 3% from last year maintenance resulting from third-party application changes to the current custom programming and software modifications.
3. Staff believes the cost of \$70,027 to be fair and reasonable.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a \$70,027 sole-source annual software license and maintenance agreement with Sungard Public Sector, Inc. for I.C.S.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to provide essential license agreements and maintenance contracts.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

I.C.S. APPROVAL _____
LEWIS LEONARD

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM E

ISSUE: Request Board confirmation to award a \$95,947 construction contract to Advantage Building Contractors Inc., an MBE firm, to replace the existing roof at the Administrative/Legislative Courthouse.

BACKGROUND: The roof was last replaced in 1991 and has exceeded its life expectancy.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The roof is beginning to show signs of wear and is more than twenty years old. Replacing the roof will prolong the life of the building and enhance the overall appearance of the building.
2. The project was properly advertised and three (3) bids were received and opened on March 8, 2012. The base bids are as follows:

	<u>Base Bid</u>
* Advantage Building Contractors, Inc. Atlanta, GA	\$69,360
Roofing Professionals, Inc. Richmond Hill, GA	\$123,000
Midwest Maintenance, Inc. Augusta, GA	\$277,847

*MBE firm

3. Advantage Building Contractors, Inc. submitted the low base bid of \$69,360. There were four (4) additive bid alternates totaling \$26,587. Staff recommends award of bid alternates amending the total bid to \$95,947. With the addition of the alternates, Advantage Building Contractors Inc. remains the low bid.
4. The alternates for this project include replacement of 18 existing skylights, providing of self adhering underlayment for asphalt shingles, and replacing low slope roofing at chiller area.

FUNDING: CIP - Facilities Maintenance and Operations
(3501565 - 54.13001 - 35031207)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board confirmation to award a \$95,947 construction contract to Advantage Building Contractors Inc., an MBE firm, to replace the existing roof at the Administrative/Legislative Courthouse.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to confirm emergency purchases when it is in the best interest of the County.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM F

ISSUE: Request Board approval to award a construction contract in the amount of \$377,765 to Eastern Excavating to complete construction of the Ridgewood Avenue, Beechwood Avenue and Elmhurst Avenue Paving Project.

BACKGROUND: The project involves furnishing all labor, equipment and materials to pave 0.4 miles of existing dirt road on Ridgewood Avenue, Beechwood Avenue and Elmhurst Avenue. Construction involves clearing, grading, paving and drainage improvements. The contractor has 125 days after the notice to proceed is issued to complete construction.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The project was properly advertised and four bids were received and opened March 14, 2012.

Eastern Excavating Savannah, GA	\$377,765
** E & D Contracting Services, Inc. Savannah, GA	\$488,815
Griffin Contracting, Inc. Pooler, GA	\$498,918

* Sandhill ALS Construction, Inc. \$515,255
Hardeeville, S.C.

* MBE firm ** WBE firm

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - Elmhurst (\$142,765)
(3234220 - 52.12003 - 32356497)
SPLOST (2003-2008) - Beechwood (\$110,000)
(3234220 - 52.12003 - 32356417)
SPLOST (2003-2008) - Ridgewood (\$125,000)
(3234220 - 52.12003 - 32356307)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval to award a construction contract in the amount of \$377,765 to Eastern Excavating to complete construction of the Ridgewood Avenue, Beechwood Avenue and Elmhurst Avenue Paving Project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM G

ISSUE: Request Board approval of **deductive** Summary Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$12,914 with Griffin Contracting, Inc. for the Forest City Gun Club Drainage Outfall drainage improvement project.

BACKGROUND: The Forest City Gun Club Drainage Outfall project is part of the 2003-2008 SPLOST Drainage Program. Problems addressed included inadequate drainage capacity and lack of access.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. This project installed an outfall for the ponds of the Forest City Gun Club.
2. On June 10, 2011, the Board approved a unit price construction contract with Griffin Contracting, Inc. for this project. This change order represents measurement of final quantities installed at the contract unit price.
3. Contract history:

Original Contract (6-10-11)	\$ 102,809
Summary Change Order No. 1(pending)	\$ (12,914)
Revised Contract Amount	\$ 89,895

FUNDING: No funds are required for the **deductive** summary change order.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To approve **deductive** Summary Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$12,914 with Griffin Contracting, Inc. for the Forest City Gun Club Drainage Outfall drainage improvement project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve summary change orders to contracts based on final measured quantities on unit price contracts.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM H

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$619,278 purchase of four (4) Sapient Horizontal Carousels for garment storage, one (1) Sapient Vertical Lift Module (VLM) for valuables storage and all associated software, hardware, equipment and labor to furnish and install a fully integrated retrieval system from Sapient Automation of Hatfield, PA, for the Detention Center Expansion Project.

BACKGROUND: As part of the Chatham County Detention Center Expansion, a new garment conveyor and valuables storage system must be purchased and installed to accommodate up to 4,000 inmates.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Detention Center's current garment conveyor system will not meet the needs of the anticipated 4,000 inmate population.
2. An automated valuables storage system is also needed to track and store the valuables of the anticipated 4,000 inmates in lieu of the manual system currently in use.

3. The requested Sapient Automation equipment provides four automated horizontal carousels for garment storage and a Vertical Lift Module for valuables storage and retrieval that is fully integrated with computer software to provide for seamless tracking of inmate possessions.
4. Staff issued a Request for Proposal for the Garment Conveyor and VLM. Due to the specialized nature of the equipment and requirement for an integrated system, only one proposal was received from the following vendor:

Sapient Automation	\$ 705,303
Value Engineering Deducts Per Addendum No.1	(\$ 61,025)
Deduct Requirement for Performance Bond	(\$ 25,000)
Total Adjusted Bid	\$ 619,278

FUNDING: CIP - Detention Center Expansion
(3803355 - 54.25001-38060407)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of the \$619,278 purchase of four (4) Sapient Horizontal Carousels for garment storage, one (1) Sapient Vertical Lift Module for valuables storage and all associated software, hardware, equipment and labor to furnish and install a fully integrated retrieval system from Sapient Automation of Hatfield, PA, for the Detention Center Expansion Project.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve the purchase of equipment necessary to the operation of the Chatham County Detention Center.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
LYNN STENNETT

ITEM I

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$10,220 wheel loader repair for Solid Waste from Yancey Brothers.

BACKGROUND: The wheel loader’s cooling system was in need of repairs due to wear and tear. While at the shop it was noted that the braking system, bucket cylinder and seals needed to be repaired or replaced. The wheel loader is a key piece of equipment for Public Works.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The wheel loader is manufactured by John Deere and Yancey Brothers is the authorized dealer for the Savannah area.
2. Staff is unable to obtain quotes from other vendors because the equipment has been disassembled.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request Board approval of a \$10,220 wheel loader repair for Solid Waste from Yancey Brothers.
2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM J

ISSUE: Request Board declaration of various vehicles as surplus and approval to sell at public auction or dispose of as scrap material. The attached list of vehicles cannot be economically repaired and are no longer useful to the County.

BACKGROUND: Fleet Management and the various departments to whom the vehicles and equipment were assigned are in agreement that the identified items are unserviceable and should be declared surplus.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The attached list of vehicles are to be disposed of at auction or as scrap material.
2. These items will be disposed of as appropriate for condition, value and circumstance. By far, the most common method will be a public auction, as prescribed by the Purchasing Ordinance and Procedures Manual. Some items, however, without a reasonable resale value, will be sold as scrap.
3. The date, time and location at which these vehicles will be auctioned will be publicly advertised to give citizens an opportunity to bid on these vehicles and equipment.

FUNDING: N/A - Revenue Producing

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board declaration of various vehicles as surplus and approval to sell at public auction or dispose of as scrap material.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve disposal of surplus County property through a public auction.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

ITEM K

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a \$20,200 purchase for one (1) used replacement vehicle for the Engineering Department from Fairway Lincoln Mercury and authorize the disposal of two (2) vehicles to be used as trade-ins.

BACKGROUND: The 2001 Mercury Sable needs to be replaced for a utility type vehicle to allow easy access to projects sites for Engineering personnel.

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 came back with this proposal.
- 2. The Fleet Manager and a representative from the Engineering Department selected the following vehicle based on utility and value.
- 3. Vehicle selected is a 2011 Jeep Cherokee.
- 4. The selected vehicle is from:

Fairway Lincoln	1 vehicle	\$27,200
Less trade	2 vehicle	\$ (7,000)
Total Purchase		\$20,200

FUNDING: SPLOST (2003-2008) - Vehicle Replacement
(3234985 - 54.22001 - 32360630)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Request Board approval of \$20,200 to purchase one (1) used replacement vehicle for the Engineering Department from Fairway Lincoln Mercury and authorize the disposal of two (2) vehicles to be used as trade-ins.
- 2. Provide staff other direction.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
CHRIS MORRIS

ITEM L

ISSUE: Request Board approval of the \$13,832 sole source purchase of a replacement body for one (1) Animal Control truck from Bowie International, Lake City, Iowa.

BACKGROUND: The body on the Animal Control truck must be replaced due to an accident. This is a key piece of equipment for the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- 1. The body of unit 996 was damaged in an accident and must be replaced.
- 2. The original vendor offered the county a replacement body at the same price, \$13,832.
- 3. Bowie International is the original manufacturer/provider.

FUNDING: Confiscated Funds - Police (pending Board approval of budget transfer)
(2103200 - 54.25001)
CIP - Animal Control Transport
(3503910 - 54.25001 - 35031268)

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Board approval of the \$13,832 sole source purchase of a replacement body for one (1) Animal Control truck from Bowie International, Lake City, Iowa.

- 2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to approve this type of request.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
GLORIA SAUGH

ITEM M

ISSUE: Request Board approval of a Cooperative Agreement Schedule between Chatham County and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District.

BACKGROUND: This agreement allows the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to reimburse Chatham County for mosquito control operations necessitated by harbor maintenance activities. During the past several years, Chatham County has been reimbursed \$300,000 annually.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. Chatham County has provided mosquito control services in and around the Savannah Harbor for a number of years. Some of the local nuisance and disease risk created by the mosquito populations is attributed by harbor maintenance activities.
2. The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers is permitted to pay for mosquito control at dredged material disposal areas, when the Corps is responsible for operation and management costs pursuant to the Water Resource Development Act of 1996. U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Districts are encouraged to enter into cooperative monitoring and control arrangements for mosquito control.
3. The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, has proposed a Cooperative Agreement Schedule to reimburse Chatham County within approved funding limits, for mosquito control activities necessitated by harbor maintenance activities.
4. The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, allocated \$300,000 for pest management activities in federal FY2011 and FY 2012. Under this agreement, and with adequate documentation provided by Chatham County Mosquito Control, there is potential for continued reimbursement during the next five (5) years.
5. Execution of the Cooperative Agreement Schedule is required to receive reimbursement from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District.
6. The Chatham County Attorney’s Office has reviewed the Cooperative Agreement Schedule and found it to be acceptable in legal form.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Cooperative Agreement Schedule between Chatham County and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, so that Chatham County may be reimbursed for mosquito control services.
2. Provide staff with alternate direction.

FUNDING: Revenue budgets will be established in the General M & O Fund.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to promote efficient and cost effective operations, and to diversify its sources of revenue.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

BUDGET APPROVAL _____
RUSHEDA ADESHINA

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, no First Readings.

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XII. SECOND READINGS

Chairman Liakakis said, no Second Readings.

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XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Liakakis said, and you had that information items was all distributed in your books.

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: May 11, 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>
Media services promoting local green initiatives	Public Works and Park Services	WSAV-Media General	\$9,596	Solid Waste Restricted
Engineering services to provide right of way plats for Pipemakers Canal	Engineering	Thomas & Hutton Engineering Company (Sole Source)	\$9,000	SPLOST (2008-2014) - Pipemakers Canal
Six (6) scanners and four (4) signature pads for Tax Assessor	I.C.S.	GHA Technologies, Inc.	\$3,446	General Fund/M&O - Tax Assessor
Six (6) laptops for Tax Assessor	I.C.S.	Dell Marketing, L.P.	\$7,272	General Fund/M&O - Tax Assessor
200 cases of rubber gloves	Detention Center	Paper Chemical Supply Company (WBE)	\$8,556	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Four (4) 55-gallon containers of floor finish and four (4) 55-gallon containers of laundry booster	Detention Center	Paper Chemical Supply Company (WBE)	\$5,880	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
One (1) conference table and six (6) chairs	Court Administrator	Mason's Inc.	\$4,706	General Fund/M&O - Court Expenditures
Cross drain replacement and clean up for drainage improvements on Queensbury Canal at Remington	Engineering	Savannah River Utilities Company (MBE)	\$4,860	SPLOST (2003-2008) - Queensbury Drainage
27 registrations for Prosecuting Attorneys' Council conference	District Attorney	Prosecuting Attorneys' Council	\$2,700	General Fund/M&O - District Attorney
Upgrade and program telephone switch	I.C.S.	Integrated Network Solutions, Inc.	\$3,570	General Fund/M&O - Communications
Painting locker rooms at Memorial Stadium	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	Ron Snelling Painting	\$5,496	CIP - Parks and Recreation
Backup tapes for server	I.C.S.	Veristor Systems, Inc. (Sole Source)	\$3,468	General Fund/M&O - Communications

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Six (6) 55-gallon drums of laundry detergent	Detention Center	Paper Chemical Supply Company (WBE)	\$5,260	General Fund/M&O - Detention Center
Material to extend irrigation pipes further into the lake at the soccer field	Public Works and Park Services	Watertronics, LLC. (Sole Source)	\$2,929	General Fund/M&O - Parks and Recreation

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Liakakis said, and right now we need a motion – motion on the floor.

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

Commissioner Shay said, so moved, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Stone said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, I have a motion on the floor to go into executive session. Let’s go on the board. Patrick [Shay]?

Commissioner Shay said, sorry.

Chairman Liakakis said, motion passes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay moved to recess to executive session to discuss personnel, litigation and land acquisition. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present.]

The Board recessed at approximately 11:36 a.m.

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ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Shay 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. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioners Stone and Kicklighter was not present for the vote.]

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2. APPOINTMENTS

Live Oak Public Library

ACTION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve the reappointment of Sandra McCorkle, Dr. Rebecca Gaston-Dawson, and Dr. Daniel Brantley to serve on the board of the Live Oak Public Library which terms expire June 30, 2015. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [NOTE: Commissioner Thomas was not present; Commissioners Stone and 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 12:15 p.m.

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APPROVED: THIS _____ DAY OF MAY, 2012.

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

JANICE E. BOCOOK, CLERK OF COMMISSION